





## HE GOT THE CHILD

Frederick Alsapp, of Dayton, Ohio, secures his little daughter at Springfield.

## SUCCEEDS DR. J. H. HARDIN

Chigliton Denker Falls Into a Cellar Way And Receives Fatal Injuries—Holdup At Joliet.

## DEATHS IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS

Springfield, Feb. 6.—In the Sangamon circuit court in the case of Frederick Alsapp of Dayton, Ohio, vs. Carlo Alsapp, his divorced wife, who kidnapped their 2-year-old daughter, Gertrude, and secretly came to this city, Judge Orelighten ordered the child taken from its mother and returned to Mrs. Katherine L. Alsapp of Cincinnati, Ohio, mother of the child father, whom the circuit court of Montgomery county, Ohio, appointed custodian of the child at the time the divorce was granted. The child was returned to Ohio on a writ of habeas corpus.

## FALL PROVED FATAL

Aged Citizen of Macoupin Tumbled Into a Cellar Way at Night.

Macoupin, Feb. 6.—Christine Denker, aged 77 years, died last night at the home of her son Frank, south of Woodburn, of the effects of injuries received in an accident Saturday night. After the other members of the family had retired Mr. Denker walked out onto the porch and fell into the cellar. He was not found until 2 o'clock in the morning and the injuries coupled with the exposure, were more than his frailty could withstand.

## Case of Holdup.

Joliet, Feb. 6.—Glyden T. Gardner, a street car conductor for the Joliet railway company, was robbed and fatally shot his enemy at 7 o'clock by a holdup man, the attack taking place in the count house corner near the center of the city and being witnessed by a large number of people, yet the holdup men escaped. Gardner, who lost \$75 and a gold watch, made a desperate fight for his property, and was shot in the stomach. Policemen arrived three minutes after the shooting but the robbers dodged around a train and escaped. The policemen fired several shots at the fleeing men. Gardner was injured about a year ago. His recovery is said to be impossible.

## Deaths in Illinois.

Bloomington, Feb. 6.—Martin Batterson, a pioneer of Central Illinois, died yesterday at his farm in Lawrence township, this county, aged 90 years.

Carthage, Feb. 6.—Mrs. W. O. Hooker, who was prominent here in social and philanthropic work, died today from pneumonia. She was 84 years old.

Bridgeport, Feb. 6.—Cyrus Culbertson, aged 68, a prominent farmer and brother-in-law of Senator Cullom, died near Bridgeport last night from palsy.

Mount Pleasant, Feb. 6.—Henry A. Richter, aged 43 years, who was operated upon last night for appendicitis, died today.

## Death of Ephraim Page.

Farmer City, Feb. 6.—Died at his late home half a mile west of the city Saturday, February 3, about noon, Mr. Ephraim Page, aged 62. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Monday at 1 p. m., conducted by Rev. A. S. Flannigan. He was born at Terre Haute, Ind., May 17, 1830, and came to Illinois about 1850 and to Farmer City. The deceased leaves a wife and brother in Cedar Rapids, a sister, Mrs. Mary Brownlee, of Columbus, Ohio, and a sister living here Mrs. Margaret Vanhook. The cause of death was heart disease.

## Succeeds Dr. Hardin.

Eureka, Feb. 6.—The board of trustees of Eureka college met here and selected Professor H. E. Hieronymus as president of the college to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Dr. J. H. Hardin. The newly elected president will assume the duties of office with the beginning of the coming school year. He has been professor of English literature for several years and is well equipped to fill the position.

## Boy Hunter Found Dead.

North City, Feb. 6.—A 14-year-old son of John Hall, living near Carlin, was hunting last Saturday and did not return. A search was made and his dead body was found this morning near a stump on which it is presumed he had rested. The gunshot of shot had entered below and back of the child, going straight upward through his head.

## Mass Meeting Called.

Marionburg, Feb. 6.—A republican county mass convention will be held at the court house in this city Saturday, February 10, for the purpose of selecting candidates for representatives of the Fifty-first senatorial district and a member of the state board of equalization; also to endorse a candidate for presidential elector from to his (22d) congressional district.

## Democratic Convention Dates.

Greenville, Feb. 6.—The democratic central committee of the Forty-third senatorial district met at Casey today and called a convention to be held at Greenville March 15. The district is composed of Edgar, Clark, Cumberland and Edgemoor counties. The democratic convention of the Nineteenth congressional district will be held in Edgemoor March 14.

## Fined For Whipping.

Clinton, Feb. 6.—Thomas Spaulding, a

teacher near Lenox, severely punished a girl pupil and her friends had him arrested on a charge of assault and battery. The trial was held before Justice Riehey and the jury found Spaulding guilty and he was fined \$3 and costs.

## Girard Girl Will Marry.

Girard, Feb. 6.—Announcement has been made of the approaching wedding of Miss Mary M. Stutzman of Girard and Alvin J. Beckman of Virden. The ceremony will be performed at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stutzman, Wednesday, February 14.

## Found Dead By the Fireplace.

Jacksonville, Feb. 6.—Richard Hubie, a well-known citizen of this county, died this morning, aged 73. He arose early to make a fire and an hour later was found dead by the fireplace. He was born in this county.

## Diphtheria at Clinton.

Clinton, Feb. 6.—The residence of Alderman A. Barnett on South Center street was quarantined Monday morning. Mrs. Barnett has been ill two days and the physicians pronounced it a case of diphtheria this morning.

## Farmer Thrown From a Wagon

Albion, Feb. 6.—Louis Beckman, Sr., a prominent farmer, was thrown from a wagon and seriously cut about the face and head this evening. He was also injured internally.

## EARLY CHICKENS

There Are Still Several Counties to Harvest From.

Tuesday morning the Herald printed an item about the earliest brood of chickens, reported by Cy. Moore. They were hatched on January 28. Yesterday the following letter was received at this office:

Decatur, Ill., Feb. 6, 1900.  
Ed. Herald—I have read two or three accounts of the "Earliest Brood of Young Chickens." We have a hen which came off with a brood on January 23, and they are doing nicely. We are five days ahead. Respectfully,

Mrs. Dent, of South Broadway, does not make the claim but one of her friends does for her, telling that about five weeks ago she took off her first brood of chickens. An old hen wanted to set, and Mrs. Dent put her in the cellar. The chickens are doing nicely.

## Obituary.

Margaret H. Helm was born near Gallipolis, Ohio, July 19, 1830, and died of cancer Feb. 1, 1900. When about 1 year old she moved with her parents to Macon county, Illinois, in which county she lived until about four years ago, when she came to Dalton City, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. F. E. McCoy.

In Nov. 1871, she was married to A. M. Corn, of Decatur, Ill. Her surviving relatives are three children, Mrs. F. E. McCoy of Dalton City, Ill.; Mrs. Anna Allen, of Epworth, Ill.; and Frank Corn, of Decatur. One child, Edward, died in infancy. One brother, Martin Vanhook, of Lortonville, Ill., also survives her.

When quite young she made a profession of faith in Christ and united with the M. E. church at Oakley, Ill. Upon the disbanding of that church her membership was transferred to the M. E. church of Fairfield, Ill., where she remained a member until her death.

During the last ten weeks of her illness she was confined to her bed, being unable to take but little food or to obtain sleep. Her intense sufferings were borne with cheerfulness and great patience, bearing testimony to the reality of her faith in Christ and the sustaining power of His spirit. A few moments previous to her death a smile, more than human, played upon and lighted up her countenance, as though the Savior were giving her a vision of her eternal rest.

The funeral services were held in the Union church at Oakley, Ill., and she was buried in the cemetery near that place.

## Deeds Recorded.

R. H. Gordon to D. D. Hill lot 1 in conveyance of lot 1 and the north half of lot 9 in block 2 in H. Robinson's addition to Decatur; \$15.

Abraham Fisher to Ephraim Beery the west half of the west half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of 16, 10 4 east; \$2500.

B. H. Cassell to Alfred King lot 14 in block 3 in Cassell's sixth addition to Decatur; \$300.

W. M. Craig to Elizabeth Hutcheson, part of lot 2 in Wm. Martin's addition of out lots to Decatur; \$800.

Burton E. Coover to Ira N. T. Roberts lot 14 in block 2 in Julia A. Williams' second addition to Decatur; \$1.

Wm. Oak to Henry Howell 6 1/2 acres in the west half of the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of 9, 17, 4 east; \$40.

Edward E. Kryder to Alfred J. Nichol lot 2 and 3 in block 4 in Heberling's addition to Blue Mound; \$1350.

Cyrus J. Tucker to George M. Pfeiffer lots 10 and 11 in block 4 in Robinson's addition to Warrensburg; \$250.

R. H. Cassell to Maria Bowman lot 9 in block 3 in Cassell's sixth addition to Decatur; \$4450.

## Verdict For Miller.

The jury which heard the evidence in the street line case from Sullivan came into court Tuesday morning with a verdict for the plaintiff. The damages for Miller were assessed at \$3.58. The verdict means that the survey accepted by the city authorities is not correct, at least according to the opinion of the jurors. The city asks for a new trial.

## Marriage Licenses.

Charles Falkner, Austin, ..... \$1  
Fluence B. Bieker, Austin, ..... \$1  
Roy N. Lohew, Oressa, ..... \$1  
Flora M. Good, Oressa, ..... \$1  
Charles E. McKelley, Forsyth, ..... \$1  
Ada E. Fletcher, Hickory Point, ..... \$1

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## MONEY IS CHEAP

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## WHEAT PROSPECTS GOOD

D. S. Shellabarger Says That in Thirty Years the Conditions Were Never Before So Encouraging.

## ODD LAW AT COLORADO SPRINGS

D. S. Shellabarger and wife returned home yesterday after an absence from home of three weeks. They visited at Salina, Kansas, and at Colorado Springs, Colo., being the guests of their son, Fred D. Shellabarger at Salina and the guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. McDougall Allen at Colorado Springs.

The visit to Salina on the part of Mr. Shellabarger was one principally of business to look after his milling interests there. Yesterday in speaking of his trip to the west he declared that never in all of the 30 years during which he had been making frequent trips to Kansas had he seen the state so prosperous as at this time. He declares, too, that never at this season of the year had he seen the prospects for a good wheat crop better than now. On every side in the country is seen nothing but wheat fields. The grain has made a splendid stand and not a few of the farmers have made their wheat fields serve as pastures. Everywhere the country gives evidence of prosperity. About the farm houses are stacks of hay and fodder and on the farms too are noticed larger droves of well fed cattle. Three years in succession the farmers of the Jayhawk state have had big crops of wheat and if the coming crop yields as well as it promises now, the farmers will have money plenty. The money lenders complain that they cannot lend money at 6 per cent because the farmers generally have no use for it. The legal rate of interest there is 8 per cent but if any one would take it at that figure they could have the cash for 6 per cent.

Last year Kansas had a good corn crop, better than that of Illinois. The mills are not receiving any corn because they cannot offer more than 21 cents and manufacturers goods that will compete with eastern made stuff. While 21 cents is the market price at the mills the farmers paying are buying corn from the farmers paying 25 cents for it. Mr. Shellabarger declares that the average Kansas farmer is now better situated than the Illinois farmer.

While at Colorado Springs he was principally a summer resort, the weather there for this winter has been mild and the persons who were there in the hope of benefiting their health were taking advantage of the mild climate to get as much outdoor life as possible.

Mr. Shellabarger said that he was struck by the fact that there were no sidewalks in the Springs except in the business district and on inquiry learned that the local laws prohibited the building of sidewalks. There is always a lot of "lunagers" at the Springs. They are persons suffering with lung trouble and the local laws give them that name. As a matter of precaution to prevent contagion which infection which might result from the "lunagers" expectorating on the sidewalks, the latter are prohibited the theory being that where the expectoration is on the bare ground the possibility of infection is in a large measure removed.

The light, dry air of that altitude necessitates constant sprinkling of the roadway even during the winter. Mr. Shellabarger says that in the early morning when the sprinkling carts make their first appearance at this season of the year there is often a thin coat of ice on the ground. The sprinkling is done by the street car company which pushes a huge tank car about the lines at a rapid speed and lays the dust effectively except close to the curbing and there wagons perform the service.

## Were Broke.

Last night Constable Mike Phelan of Niantia, came to Decatur with a warrant for the arrest of seven negroes—two women and five men. They were charged with jumping a board bill at the Milligan house in Niantia. They gave up some of their property as security for the debt and were permitted to go their way. They have been playing the smaller towns as a concert company but have met with indifferent success and had to give up a part of their baggage en route for railroad fare to Decatur.

## The Deserter.

Earl Koberlander, who was arrested at Bony on Monday for deserting from the United States army will be taken to Springfield to answer to the federal authorities.

If Mr. Rockefeller becomes influenced by Mr. Carnegie's theory that "beggars should be isolated," the cause of education may suffer.

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See Bargain Tables,

## Men's Shoes.

Tan, Cornell toe, lace, \$2.75

\$3.50, cut to \$2.00

Tan, Russian calf, lace, London toe, Lilly Brackett

make, \$3.50, cut to \$3.50

Kangaroo Kid, London toe, Cor-dovan lined, \$4.00 grade, cut to \$2.00

Hanan Enamel, Vici Kid, narrow width, patent leather, narrow toe, \$2.00

Hanan Tan, Russia Calf, Vici Kid and Enamel leathers, Royal toe, narrow widths, all \$5.00 grade, go at \$3.00

Women's Shoes.

Heavy sole Vici Kid some kid and some drill lined, cork sole \$3.00 and \$2.50 grade, go now \$2.00

Tan Winter weight Lace Good shape, few pairs, regular \$2.50 goods, close out \$2.00

Vici Kid Button, new shapes: \$2.50 and \$3.00 goods. \$2.00

Dr. Reed's Cushion Sole, Welt kid, tip Comfort, \$3.50 \$2.50

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Price now \$2.50

Same in Black, desirable sizes, Patent Tip, \$4.00 grade, \$3.00

Hanan's \$5.00, J. J. Miller's \$5.50 goods, all go now at \$3.00

Boys' Shoes.

Box Calf, lace, toe trills narrow, \$2.50 grade, go at \$1.49

Satin Calf Iron Clad, nailed sole, \$2.50 grade, go now \$1.49

Misses' Shoes.

Welt, lace, few pairs, 200 goods, go at \$1.49

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## GRADY'S TAXATION SCHE

World Make Railroads Pay State Taxes—When and How to Prune Fruit Trees.

## RAISING LIVE STOCK FOR PRO

The annual institute of the farmer Macon county opened at the courthouse Tuesday, with a fair attendance and exhibits. The latter department is the that has yet been offered. Large crowds country and city people thronged the rooms and examined the display. In circuit court room when the opening exercises were held. Every seat was taken and many persons were content to stand to the papers and discussions. The evening was called to order by President W. H. H. of Blue Mound and prayer offered by Rev. Bowyer of the Baptist church. The minutes of the last year were read by Secretary C. A. Thrift. President Dean then delivered his address.

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Mr. Dean said: "What we need in Macon county is a broader comprehension of the world in general. We often discuss the question of 'What shall we do to keep the boys on the farm?' This question does not worry the farmer. The generally are allowed to follow the bent of their inclinations. We don't want to stifle the boys in the way. We believe that farming is the most independent vocation and that it leads to the best and best physical mental development but there are other vocations which possess advantages. Give your boys the best education that you can afford. Don't send them to colleges where they are to be made into preachers or lawyers are made but them to the nearest and best college and if they want to take any special course let them do that afterward. There is much of the scrambling after the almighty dollar. Our first effort should be to make good citizens. The Institute is not a place to revolutionize farming but a place to give suggestions and discussions.

"Our exhibits are on the same line as before. The Institute offers liberal prizes for the various products and through the generosity of many of the merchants Decatur a long list of valuable prizes are also to be given. These exhibits will be judged impartially and prizes awarded solely on the merits of the exhibits themselves. All judging is to be done as practically as possible. Cards and are satisfied that every exhibitor ought to feel that he has been fairly dealt with.

"I wish to speak a word in regard to advertising on our programs. These are all taken by reputable firms and if have anything to get in their lines we Decatur you cannot do better than to them a call.

"The newspapers of Decatur have for the Institute very favorable notice for which we feel grateful. They have always given extended details a full and valuable count of the proceedings of our meeting which is alone worth to the farmer more than the cost of a full year's subscription.

"I hope that you will all have a very enjoyable time while here and carry away with you much valuable information. We better prepared to enter upon the duties of the coming season with cheerful hearts and abiding faith that by the providence of God we will be blessed with bountiful harvests, good health and happy homes.

EQUITABLE TAXATION. "The first address of the afternoon was the subject of 'Equitable Taxation,' T. C. Grady, editor of the Macon Times who said in part:

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On his personal property for which he is in debt. In Iowa the taxpayer pays only on the value of his property above his indebtedness. More than that the grain upon his farm is exempt for one year. The only objection I ever heard to this system was that it might tempt false returns but I would as soon trust the private citizen as the one who has a bank account, stock and bonds. Conditions have appeared in this commonwealth making an amendment to the constitution is essential. Farmers may complain of unjust laws but they can not hope to accomplish anything until they seek representatives to Springfield to look after their interests. The report of the revenue commission in 1896 shows that it has been impossible to obtain a fair assessment in Cook county. In 1885, the value of real estate there other than banks was \$29,417 while in Macou county it was twice as much. The new law has not helped it. Cook county more than any other escapes a fair just proportion. Legislatures appropriate the money but does not fix the rule that each county and municipality should pay. A rate is made for the state and each county pays a proportion of its assessment. When Cook county conceals millions the other counties must make up the deficiency. When the government makes it possible for the wealthy to escape taxation by holding government bonds for a few months while land is being assessed the system can not be equitable. Thirty years ago the taxes on land were 80 per cent less than now notwithstanding vast accumulation of other properties. New York has enacted a law requiring franchisees to be treated as real estate.

This law will force corporations to pay their share. Illinois' law requiring the listing of franchisees is practically a dead letter. Two years ago the value of franchisees there was \$20,000 while in poverty stricken Cook one franchise was found worth \$2,250. The value of capital stock in Cook has declined from \$1,004,500 in 1891 until 1899 the value is \$1,876,038. There has been no such reduction in farm lands.

It is an injustice to make up deficiencies on visible property. When the supreme court decided section 49 of the revenue law unconstitutional Chicago property owners said that they had been led to give a fair assessment with the understanding that the assessment would be no higher than last year. They practically dictated. In the country we are never asked to place a value on our lands by the assessor. The county should be the highest taxing body in the state. The amount necessary to run the state should be taxed against the gross earnings of railroads. Experience with the Illinois Central shows that this could be done. Under this system the board of equalization would be dispensed with and the farmers would not have to make up the Cook county deficiency. It is not just that either the farmer or the corporation should be compelled to pay more than his share. Our now revenue law fails to reach certain property. A more stringent law is needed for Cook county. Under the system that I have proposed I believe we could secure a more equitable system of taxation. Our taxes would be decreased by abolishing useless offices created by the present law. We can never have an equitable system until state and county taxes are divorced. Until corporations from their incomes pay their just share. Until the owners of mortgages and bonds are assessed as the owners of real estate. When these principles are incorporated into law Illinois will have a system which will reach all classes of citizens.

#### PRUNING AND GRAFTING.

By E. R. Hurlbut of Mt. Zion, proved an interesting paper. There is difficulty in discussing these two subjects on paper. Diversity of opinion on the subject of pruning is due to the surroundings and locality. The man who lives and grows fruit trees in eastern Pennsylvania, where abounds the rich limestone soil, so well adapted to wonderful fruit tree growth finds it necessary to prune more regularly than the man who grows fruit trees upon the alkali soil of Western Nebraska or the irrigated land of Colorado where the growth is slow and the trees are always diminutive. Pruning varies according to the condition of the trees and the fruit it bears. By condition we mean trees in perfect health and vigor with abundance of succulent force will support much more top or a greater number of branches than one with a limited amount of true life. We mean by variety of fruit that a tree bears that different varieties of apple, pear, cherry or plum assume a definite habit or manner of growth, some tending to upright and others to spreading.

The purpose of the planter in pruning may be to prune in such a way as to form low or high heads to his trees. The method of pruning therefore should be governed by conditions. Especially so in the apple orchards of Macou county. Every farmer should be interested in this subject so that we could give to our trees that beauty and character so much desired. If small trees are bought at recommended all the branches should be cut off and the tree then cut back to the height demanded. If large trees are chosen upon which the top has already formed, the planter should content himself by cutting back the branches only in proportion to the loss in taking them up. All bruised and broken roots should have their ends trimmed smoothly with a sharp knife.

The orchards of this country are generally unsightly. How shall we prune them? The best time is early in the spring or late in the fall. Prune the apple during any part of the season of rest. The pear, quince, grape and all other kinds of trees and shrubs and vines should be pruned early in the spring, guarding against being so late as to excite bleeding or flowing of sap from the wounds. My experience and observation does not agree with all this. It is not in accordance with the natural law that should govern the taking off of the larger limbs which is necessary in neglected orchards. Inasmuch as the operation is not far removed from the healing remedy which can be furnished only by the tree itself. I mean by this that a wound caused by the taking off of a limb during the season of rest late in the fall or winter, will be subjected to the injurious effects of atmospheric changes.

In submitting to your consideration my directions for pruning I would formulate three distinct rules. Viz:

In my opinion the time to prune is in the spring after the foliage has made its appearance, which will protect the wounds

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#### GET A CHALLENGE

Jacksonville Boys Want to Debate With Decatur.

The Forum, the literary society of the Decatur High school received a challenge yesterday from the literary society of the High school at Jacksonville, for a debate in the near future. The Decatur boys are just the fellows who do not dodge that kind of proposition and they need not either as some of the best young debaters who have ever graduated from that school are numbered among the students this year, and they will immediately accept the challenge and the conditions of the debate will be arranged as soon as the Jacksonville orators can get in shape for the contest. The debate is to be held in this city sometime during the latter part of March or the first of April. One of the conditions of the debate is that the visiting society is to be allowed to select the question and they have chosen the following proposition: Resolved, that the United States government should own and control the railroads. The Decatur society is to be allowed to select either side of the argument and the matter will be decided at the next meeting of the society which is to be held at the school on Friday night. There will be three speakers on a side and they will also be selected at the same time. The letter stated that a number of the Jacksonville students will accompany the speakers to this city on the occasion of the debate and the affair will be one of the most interesting events yet given by the society.

One of the dignified seniors at the High school dropped an egg from the third floor of the building to the hallway below yesterday while conducting an individual experiment on the question of gravity. Fortunately no one was hurt.

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### BIG HORSE, BIG PRICE

Harriestown Farmers Buy a Prize Winning Percheron Stallion.

A number of men living in and near Harriestown have purchased a Percheron stallion and the best arrived there yesterday. The horse is well known although imported to this country from France less than a year ago. He is Coco XX, and at both the Iowa and the Illinois state fairs last year took first premium in his class being then owned by Durbach, Fletcher & Coleman, of Wayne. The new owners are J. P. Holmes, A. H. Egan, O. D. and Josephus Ash, J. C. Batschelder, John and M. D. Camp and E. P. Ash. When taken off of the sale yesterday afternoon Coco was led to a pair of scales where he weighed 2020 pounds. Horsemen say that he could easily weigh 2200 and not have the appearance of being too fat. The purchasers gave \$2500 for the horse.

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### Still Improving.

Arthur Newell, the young man who was struck by an Illinois Central train last week is still improving and the indications now point to his recovery from the terrible jolt.

#### Married.

Charles Falkner and Florence B. Ritchey both of Austin township, were married by Justice O'Mara at his office yesterday. The couple will go to housekeeping on a farm near Latham.

#### BUYS A FARM.

O. Z. Greene has bought a farm of 80 acres in Wheatland township from Mr. Halley.

Phonetic spelling has been barred from the University of Chicago.

#### OVER A MILLION

Recent packages of Johnson's Kidney Pills have been sold. It was the first time the pills have been sold in this city. The pills are sold at a popular price, and are the ONLY OSH that is GUARANTEED to cure all diseases of the KIDNEY, BLADDER and URINARY ORGANS. What better testimonials could we give, as pills to cure, by mail for five cent stamps.

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#### PUT TO THE TEST

The Decatur People Appreciate a Good Thing.

Everybody has their hour of trouble. But people having any likelihood of the skin. Have many hours of trouble. Nothing so annoying. Nothing so irritating. Nothing so, it becomes worse. Leave it alone and you can hardly stand the misery. Itchiness comes in many forms. Eczema and horrid itching piles. Itchiness and cure are here at last. Decatur has put it to the test. Doan's Ointment cures every form of itching of the skin. People at home are learning that this is so. Here is a proof in a citizen's statement: Mrs. D. M. Pridging, of 335 East William street, says: "For years I had eczema or a humor, the itching of which at times was almost intolerable, especially along towards evening. I tried many different remedies but got no relief until I used Doan's Ointment. The first application relieved the itching and I continued the treatment for some time with the most satisfactory result. Doan's Ointment is the best remedy I ever used for my trouble. My husband joins me in praising Doan's Kidney Pills which he used with the greatest benefit." Doan's Ointment for sale by all dealers. Price 25 cents. Mailed by Foster-McIlbourn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's—and take no substitute.

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NEW BUSINESS OFFICE.....21  
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EDITORIAL ROOMS.....45Entered at the postoffice at Decatur, Ill., as  
second-class mail matter.Address communications to THE HERALD  
Decatur, Ill.Butler is again playing the kaiser.  
Whether it is to be a new night stand or  
not will depend upon the doors in the  
galleries.The democrats have lost two members  
of the house. One has joined the republicans  
while the other has reported to his  
families in Utah.It is noted that the democrats who have  
so loudly denounced "government by in-  
junction" are not denouncing Judge Can-  
trell's injunction forbidding Gov. Taylor  
from doing an executive act.Butler reports that he deceived the Buers  
and effected a crossing of the Tugala  
where he was not expected. Now if he  
don't run into something unexpected he  
may retrieve some of his lost popularity.The American people have just had two  
interesting examples where "the stone  
which the builders rejected" became the  
chief stone of the corner" in the case of  
Lawton and Hutchinson, both of whom  
were rejected by their states in favor of  
men who were utterly unfit to command  
men in face of an enemy.The reason the democratic party man-  
ages to exist is that all the little boys who  
can commit a "Jim Crow" song to mem-  
ory or who can commit to memory the  
"Ten Commandments" grow up to be  
democrats or populists, in which  
state they enter, politically, on a crow  
doot.The democratic state editorial associa-  
tion adopted resolutions on Goebel's  
death, expressing horror at "the deep  
dramatization of his taking off." These re-  
solutions are evidently of the opinion that  
his taking off was not a special providence,  
thus abandoning the dog they  
applied in the case of the assassination of  
Abraham Lincoln.The fact that Senator Pettigrew prefers  
to accept a statement said to have been  
made by Agnew to the word of Ad-  
miral Dewey or of Prof. Schumann will  
not affect the standing of those gentle-  
men in the estimation of the American  
people but it may have the effect of put-  
ting the senator pretty low in public esti-  
mation.Hyman accuses the republicans of Ken-  
tucky of assassinating Goebel in face of  
the fact that he has been discovered that  
he was not shot from a third story window  
as it was said by a mountaineer or a  
republican. Being himself a murderer  
it is most likely that Goebel was the vic-  
tim of some one in retaliation for his own  
crime.

## STILL EXPANDING.

Two new islands are to be added to the  
possession of the United States in the  
West Indies. They are the Mona Island  
and the Monto Island in the Mona Pas-  
sage, between San Domingo and Puerto  
Rico. The former is an island of some  
size, but Monto is only a coral reef. It  
was not definitely known until today that  
the islands belonged to the United States,  
and then not until after considerable re-  
search.The postoffice department has been har-  
ing a map made of the American posses-  
sions in the West Indies and was in doubt  
whether or not to include these islands on  
the map. An official communication was  
sent to the state department inquiring if  
the treaty between the United States and  
Spain provided for their acquisition by the  
United States. The treaty was examined  
and showed that Spain had sold to the United  
States Porto Rico and all other Spanish  
islands in the West Indies, except Cuba.  
No special mention was made of Mona  
Island, and there was no information re-  
garding the island to show to whom it be-  
longed. It is nearly six miles long and  
three and a half miles wide. It is about  
40 miles from the coast of San Domingo,  
and lies almost midway of the Mona Pas-  
sage between the two islands.A chart was found indicating in colors  
the different colonial possessions of the  
world, and this showed that Mona was re-  
garded as a Spanish possession, and ac-  
cordingly becomes American property un-  
der the Paris treaty. It is thought prob-  
able by naval officials that the island may  
prove of service to the United States at  
some time in the future, and it is not  
unlikely that orders will be issued to have  
it surveyed and charted as an American  
possession. It is not inhabited.

## I. R. MILLS' RETIREMENT.

The announcement in yesterday mor-  
ning's Herald by State's Attorney Mills  
that he will not be a candidate for re-  
nomination will set at rest the rumors that  
he intends being a candidate again and  
leaves a clean field to those who aspire to

that position. Mr. Mills has served the  
people of Macon county as public prose-  
cutor for more than 12 years and has a  
record which is alike creditable to himself  
and the county. The office is one which  
requires sound judgment, patience, stabi-  
lity and courage, all of which he has time  
and again proved he possesses. Had this  
not been true of him he would not have  
been re-elected as often as he has. The  
office is also one fraught with the danger  
of making swarms of enemies. The old  
sage is always true that, "No one ever  
felt the halber draw with good opinion of  
the law," and the prosecutor who applies  
the law unless he is eminently fair and  
courteous, even to the worst of criminals,  
is in danger of being blamed for the law  
and accused of being actuated by preju-  
dice. While it is impossible for any pub-  
lic prosecutor to escape the criticism of  
every defendant and his friends Mr. Mills  
has been very fortunate in this regard be-  
cause he has invariably performed his duty  
in a dignified and reasonable manner. He  
has also always been mindful of the public  
opinion involved in the indifference or  
prosecution of trivial cases and in this way  
has saved the county many thousands of  
dollars and perhaps has saved many a  
father and mother much anguish and  
given the offender a new chance to make  
a better start in assuming the obligations  
and responsibilities of life. While Mr.  
Mills may not have, at the moment, al-  
ways met universal approval, which is true  
of any public servant, his conduct as a  
whole tried by the measure of time has  
stood the test and he will retire from the  
office with the general endorsement of  
the law abiding people of Macon county.

## MR. MILLS' STATEMENT.

Announces that He Has No Intention of  
Being a Candidate for State's Attorney.

It has been said that the question of Mr.  
Mills possible candidacy for re-election to  
the office of state's attorney has been worry-  
ing some of the others who have aspirations  
in that direction. If this is the case they  
need worry no longer. Mr. Mills is not  
and will not be a candidate. He has filed  
the office for three terms and has done so  
in a capable and efficient manner. His con-  
duct of the office has earned for him the  
reputation of being a vigorous, fearless and  
successful prosecutor. In the following card  
Mr. Mills announces that he has no inten-  
tion of again being a candidate for the  
office:

To the Republicans of Macon County:  
On account of the approach of the county  
republican convention, I have thought that  
it is not only due to my many friends  
throughout the county but also to those  
seeking the nomination for state's attorney  
to say that I will not be a candidate for re-  
nomination.

In making this announcement, I desire  
to thank my many friends throughout the  
county for their confidence and support  
during my twelve years of public service  
and express the hope that this confidence  
and support have been merited.

I wish to say also that on account of my  
many obligations to each of the several  
candidates who have been mentioned for  
this office, I hope that I shall not be called  
upon to express a preference or take part  
in securing the nomination of any one un-  
less the others. After a choice has been  
made, I shall be glad to do everything in  
my power to aid in the election of the  
successful candidate as well as the entire  
republican ticket from president to coroner.  
I. R. Mills.

## Farewell to Mr. Leach.

The Old Fellows and Daughters of Re-  
bekah on Tuesday evening at Macon gave  
a reception, entertainment and banquet in  
honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hub Leach, who  
will leave on Saturday for a permanent  
residence in Iowa. The ladies presented  
Mrs. Leach with a silk quilt made of  
pieces in which each lady who had con-  
tributed had worked her name. W. H.  
Black of Decatur was one of the speakers  
of the evening. The program was given  
as follows:

Opening Ode.  
Recitation, "Entertaining Her Sister's  
Beau," George Kincaid.  
Recitation—Lelah Vaughn.  
Recitation—Willie Vaughn.  
Greeting Song—Four girls.  
Presentation of quilt to Mrs. Leach.  
Recitation, "A Groggish Volunteer"—  
Minnie Stafford.  
Instrumental Music—Norm Alberts.  
Recitation, "A Change of Mind," Alice  
Newitt.  
Duet, "The Farmer Boy,"—Eva Kullik,  
Florence Kincaid.  
Music—Claude Carpenter.  
Remarks from Mr. Black.  
Third Degree Floor Work.  
Dialogue, "A Boy's Plot,"—Ten char-  
acters.  
Solo—Cecil Vaughn.  
Remarks from Mrs. Leach.

## COW CAUSES TROUBLE.

Owner Says Agents Have Not Accounted  
For Money.

Charles Wheeler was arrested Wednesday  
night on a warrant sworn out by Miss  
Anna Burr who complains that Wheeler  
and Fred Fowler were commissioned to  
sell a cow for her and have not accounted  
for the money. Wheeler denies that he got  
more than \$1.00 of the money and says this  
cow was sold to Fred Starr.

## Bridge Impassable.

The rains of Wednesday and Thursday  
morning had the effect of raising the water  
in the river until it was not fordable at the  
Wilcox bridge. The workmen are engaged  
in putting in the main span over the river  
and as teams could not cross over the  
bridge persons living south and southwest  
city had to come to town by way of the  
county bridge. Many farmers were in-  
convenienced by having to drive three miles  
or more out of their way.

## Doctor Denies It.

I wish to announce that there is no case  
of smallpox in my family and that every  
member of it is perfectly well at this  
time.  
Dr. A. M. Drew.

## PUPIL ABDUCTED

James B. Dingman is Under Ar-  
rest At Springfield--Re-  
fuses to Talk.

## THE GIRL CAN'T BE FOUND

Dingman is Now Thoughtful For Her Re-  
putation And Declines to Discuss the  
Affair With Police or Reporters.

## WILL COME TO DECATUR TODAY

James B. Dingman, of Niantic, is under  
arrest in Springfield, on a charge of ab-  
duction preferred against him in Macon  
county. Today Chief of Police Applegate  
will go to Springfield to take charge of the  
prisoner and bring him to this city.  
Last Saturday Dingman left Niantic  
where he had been teaching school. At  
the same time one of his pupils, Miss  
Weitzberger, disappeared. It was known  
that the couple were on the same train en-  
route to Springfield and the supposition  
was that they had gone from there to St.  
Louis but the evidence of that fact was  
not clear at this time.

Chief of Police Applegate was asked to  
locate Dingman and cause his arrest. Cir-  
culars giving a description of the man and  
the girl were scattered and as a result  
Dingman was arrested last night in Spring-  
field.

Dingman is about 28 years old and had  
been teaching a short distance north of  
Niantic. The girl whom he took away  
with him is only 15 years old. When ar-  
rested in Springfield and asked where the  
girl could be found he refused to talk  
about her nor would he tell where she  
could be found.

Chief Applegate has learned, however,  
that the couple did go from Springfield to  
St. Louis. A Decatur man who knew  
Dingman saw him there and talked to  
him. The police also learned that Ding-  
man went to Alton from St. Louis but no  
trace of the girl could be found there.  
The girl wrote from Alton to Niantic friends  
saying that she was in trouble. This let-  
ter was on the piloted stationery of a ho-  
tel and when the police asked the keeper  
of the hotel if the girl was at that house,  
received the information that she had not  
been there but Dingman had been there on  
two different occasions.

Last night when the reporters at Spring-  
field made an attempt to interview Ding-  
man he declined saying that he did not  
care to further injure the reputation of the  
girl.

There is a suspicion that Dingman had  
wronged the girl and had taken her away  
in an effort to hide her shame. Dingman  
is a married man. He one time lived in  
Decatur for a short time and conducted a  
saloon on Franklin avenue—the place known  
as the Klondike.

The parents of May Weitzberger are said  
to be of little means and if the matter of  
making a vigorous search for Dingman  
had been left to them they would not have  
been able to do so. There were, how-  
ever, three or four reputable men of  
means in Niantic who were bitter against  
Dingman for his conduct and they set on  
foot the movement to secure his arrest.  
They will also give all possible aid in an  
effort to learn the whereabouts of the girl  
and restore her to her parents.

## THE DEATH RECORD

## BERRY.

George W. Berry died at his late home,  
1115 North Church street at 3 o'clock  
Wednesday afternoon. Old age was the  
cause of his death.

Decatur was born near Carle Place, Pa., in  
1817, and hence was 82 years of age. He  
has been a resident of the state for 44 years  
and of Macon county over 20 years. Sur-  
viving him are a wife, two sons and two  
daughters. The sons are J. S. and William  
Berry of Decatur and the daughters are  
Mrs. Sallie A. Roland of Neoga, Ill., and  
Mrs. Matilda Burnett of Decatur. The  
funeral will be announced at a later time.

## GRIDER.

Addie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John  
Grider, died at her home in Argenta on  
Tuesday night. She was 21 years old and  
her death was due to consumption. The  
funeral will occur today.

## ERMENTROUT.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William  
ErmentROUT died at the family residence,  
310 South Water street, on Wednesday  
night. The burial was Thursday afternoon  
at Greenwood.

## RUTLER.

Mrs. Emma Butler, colored, aged 55  
years, died at her home on East Wood  
street on Thursday evening.

Also Smith, aged about 45 years, died  
at his home in Morgantown Wednesday  
morning. His death was due to cancer of  
the stomach and his illness had extended  
over a period of about three weeks. He  
was a retired farmer and formerly lived  
near Morgantown in Christian county. He  
is survived by his wife and four chil-  
dren, three sons and one daughter.

## The Canal Treaty.

Washington, Feb. 7.—The senate commit-  
tee on foreign relations today considered  
the Nicaragua canal treaty. The opposi-  
tion manifested was not such as would  
indicate the defeat of the treaty; but prob-  
ably it will be amended. One of the amend-  
ments proposed is that the whole Clayton-  
Bulwer treaty be abrogated. The treaty de-  
clares that there shall be no fortifications and it  
is said this will prevent the United States  
from erecting batteries by some considered  
absolutely necessary in view of the in-  
creased activity in South American  
countries.

## Transferred.

Walter Warner who has been telegraph  
operator for the Weibach at Sidney, Ill., has  
been transferred to Homer, Ill.

## NON-PARTISAN CLUB

Met And Elected Officers And Changed Its  
Name to Citizens' Rights League.

The non-partisan club, an organization  
composed of young colored men met on  
North Park street Wednesday night and  
elected V. P. Waller president, James  
Clark vice president and Henry Sanders  
secretary. The members decided to change  
the name of the club to the Citizens' Rights  
League. It was decided to allow all colored  
men to join the club regardless of their  
politics. V. P. Waller made the address  
of the evening.

## Fire At Taylorville.

The residence of S. F. Delpitt at Taylor-  
ville was entirely destroyed by fire last  
night. Most of the furniture was saved, but  
it was impossible for the fire department to  
save the building as the flames were fanned  
by a steady and powerful wind.

The building was valued at \$2300 and  
was insured for almost its full value. Mr.  
Delpitt, the owner, is a wealthy furniture  
dealer of Taylorville.

## Congressman Reeves Here.

Congressman Walter Reeves, candidate  
for nomination for governor on the repub-  
lican ticket, stopped over in the city last  
night, and will be here for a brief time  
this morning. He arrived from Taylorville  
at 1 o'clock this morning.

## Not Fred.

Fred Starr disclaiming having bought the  
cow, the sale of which resulted in the arrest  
of Charles Wheeler.

## Fortieth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Good celebrated  
the fortieth anniversary of their marriage,  
February 9, 1900. Quite a number were  
present among whom were Eliza Burkman  
and wife and D. A. Good of Beardale, Ill.  
The day was an enjoyable one to all present.

## A Farewell Party.

Miss Lillie Good of Beardale gave a  
farewell party to her friends, February 4.  
Despite the bad weather there was a large  
crowd present to wish her well. She will  
visit for some time in the west.

## LA PLACK.

Six weeks of winter pet according to the  
edge of the ground dog.  
Messrs. Green and Eddy finished putting  
up ice last week.

C. A. Redman visited relatives near  
Lexington Thursday.

A. Shanley, who lives north of town,  
gave a party Saturday. He will move to  
Chicago, leaving his farm to John  
Wine, who will move upon it.

Fire broke out at the Preble Dell school  
Wednesday afternoon. It caught in the  
ceiling from the chimney, but was exting-  
uished with small loss. School was dis-  
missed for the rest of the week.

John Sidwell returned from his visit in  
southern Indiana Friday.

Some corn was scattered here last week.  
John Hoy and Miss Maggie Wilson were  
Dentist visitors Saturday.

Rev. M. L. Levitt of Hammond  
preached at the M. E. church Sunday  
afternoon.

Burn to Mr. and Mrs. J. Corry Sunday  
Feb. 4 a son also to Mr. and Mrs. Char-  
ley Davidson a son.

Miss Anna Duncan opened school at  
Preble Dell again Monday, after closing  
three days on account of the fire.

Allen Matz, of Indiana, will occupy  
the William Dingman farm northeast of  
town this year.

Rev. J. Wynn went to Clarksville, Ill., to  
hold a meeting Saturday.

The highway commission are put-  
ting in several new steel bridges in this  
locality.

John Hoy shipped two car loads of hogs  
this week.

D. B. Eddy is quite sick.

Victor Hawthorne and family went to  
St. Louis to attend the funeral of Mrs.  
Dr. Thompson, Mr. Hawthorne's sister.

Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Dr. Davidson and  
Mrs. Stoner attended the funeral of Mrs.  
Dr. Thompson at St. Louis today.

Wm. Longacker was here on business  
yesterday.

## MARO.

Mrs. Mamie Schenck is sick.

Mrs. W. O. Williams will move to town  
in the near future. She has engaged rooms  
with Miss Lora Gaul.

Commonwealth services were observed at  
the Presbyterian church Sunday.

The Maxwell Ship Company is playing a  
week's engagement at the Macon opera-  
house this week. There are 12 people in  
the company and they come highly recom-  
mended. They are playing under the  
auspices of the Conover band.

Wm. H. Parker will have a big closing  
out sale at his residence 3 1/2 miles south-  
west of town on Thursday, Feb. 9.

James L. Hill, formerly of Delavan, ex-  
pects to leave Thursday for California. He  
expects to be gone two or three months.  
On returning he will engage in business  
elsewhere.

Bliss a Pastor—The Christian church  
congregation has engaged Elder O. C.  
Redgrave as their pastor for this year.

## THE S. S. CANVASS

Work Will Be Directed By the  
Executive Committee of  
Township Association.

## THE VISITING CARD SYSTEM

Will Be Used And Is Expected to  
Materially Simplify the  
Work.

## RESULT WILL BE SPEEDILY KNOWN

A most enthusiastic meeting was held  
at the Sunday school room of the First M.  
E. church last evening to arrange for the  
canvass of the township which will be  
made early in the interests of the Sunday  
schools. Eleven Sunday school superin-  
tendents were present at the meeting and  
the principal movement in the work was  
started under the most encouraging cir-  
cumstances. The work will be in charge  
of the executive committee of the town-  
ship Sunday school association which is  
made up of the officers of the association as  
follows:

President—R. C. Augustine.  
Vice President—Rev. Marion Stevenson.  
Secretary—Charles Record.  
Treasurer—B. F. Stanley.

The last three officers are elected to  
serve temporarily in the absence of the  
regular officers who are Mr. Sue Odor,  
Miss Carrie Record and Mrs. A. W.  
Cooklin.

The work will be done with a visiting  
card system which was originated by Hugh  
Cook of Pittsburg, Pa., and which is now  
extensively used in the large cities of the  
east. By the use of this system it will be  
possible to simplify the work to such an  
extent that it will be only a fraction of  
what it was three years ago. When the  
canvass was made at that time it took the  
committee in charge nearly six weeks to  
organize the lists and deliver them to the  
different ministers. This time the lists  
will be ready to deliver the same day the  
canvass is made.

The entire township will be thoroughly  
canvassed. The workers hope by this to  
largely increase and build up their home  
departments. The first of April is the  
beginning of a new quarter and the canvass  
will be made early in March in order that  
each church may visit as many on their  
list as possible before the beginning of the  
quarter and organize their work more  
completely.

The township will be divided into pre-  
dicts, there being 18 in all, and each pre-  
dict will be allotted a certain number of  
visitors. It is expected that the expense  
of the canvass will amount to between \$50  
and \$60 and this will be paid by assessing  
the different schools.

The different schools were apportioned  
their number of visitors last night and an  
adjourned meeting will be held at the  
First M. E. church on next Thursday  
evening to complete the plans and appoint  
the visitors.

## MARRIAGES

## PIERCE-BUTT.

The marriage of Miss Anna M. Butt  
and Zana K. Pierce was celebrated at the  
home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
H. Butt, who live in apartments over  
Kipp's grocery store at 630 East Edwards  
street on Thursday afternoon at 5:30.  
Rev. Maurice B. Spayd of the United  
Brethren church being the officiating min-  
ister. The guests included only the mem-  
bers of the immediate families. There  
were present Mr. and Mrs. David High,  
the bride's brother and wife, Mr. and  
Mrs. John Butt of Beardale and a few  
others.

An elaborate wedding supper was served  
immediately after the ceremony. The  
bride's wedding gown was of gray cloth  
trimmed in pink.

Mr. Pierce is a Washburn freeman. The  
couple will reside at 540 North Jackson  
street. They received many useful and  
handsome gifts. The groom's wedding gift  
to the bride was a piano.

## Shooting Sparrows.

At Indianapolis on Wednesday the tar-  
gets were English sparrows and live pige-  
ons. In the sparrow matches O. M. Pow-  
ers made 13 out of 15 and divided second;  
second match 13 out of 15 and was alone  
in second place; third match 20 sparrows,  
Powers was alone in first place with 18 and  
in the last match he and three others were  
second with 13 out of 15.

The big event Wednesday was the live  
pigeon shoot in which there were 21 ac-  
tively. Each man shot at 12 birds. Powers  
was one of seven to divide second money  
on 11 birds. Powers shot from the 80  
yard line.

## Though the Ice.

Miss Ida Mann, of the Senior class of  
the Decatur high school attempted to cross  
the river on the ice on her way from  
school to her home on Allan's bluff Tues-  
day afternoon. The ice was thin and it  
broke and she fell into the water. She was  
alone but she managed to climb out on  
the ice and to reach her home, a quarter  
of a mile away.

## An Operation.

Dr. R. L. Walton, assisted by Dr. J.  
H. Burke, on Wednesday operated on E. H.  
Haag at St. Mary's hospital.

## Continues to Improve.

Arthur Newell, who was so seriously in-  
jured several days ago, is getting along  
nicely.

Some governors have legislatures on  
their hands. "Gov." Taylor has one on  
his back.

A bad barber never knows any one for a  
length of time because he is always cut-  
ting his acquaintances.

Congressman-elect Roberts is now mak-  
ing speeches to the sheriff of Baltimore  
City.

## FIXING A TARIFF

New Measure For Porto Rico  
Reported to the  
House.

## PROVISIONS OF THE BILL

Fail to Satisfy Democrats Who  
Make a Minority  
Report.

## WILL COME UP THURSDAY

The New Measure is Expected to Provoke  
a Long Discussion.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The house was in  
session an hour and a half today and only  
minor business was transacted. The ways  
and means committee bill establishing tar-  
iff raise upon goods from Porto Rico into  
the United States and vice versa was re-  
ported. Chairman Payne gave notice that  
the bill would be called up next Thursday.  
The debate upon it will run for a week.  
The house did not adjourn over on account  
of the Lawton funeral.

The reports on the bill framed by the  
ways and means committee imposing  
duties equivalent to 25 per cent of the  
American tariff on goods imported into  
Porto Rico from the United States and  
vice versa, were submitted to the house  
today. The republicans, except Mr. McCall  
of Massachusetts, agreed to a report in  
favor of the bill. The report declares the  
clause of the constitution that "all duties,  
imposts and excises shall be uniform  
throughout the United States" not appli-  
cable to our new island possessions which,  
they say, are not United States territory  
within the meaning of that declaration.  
The report holds the 25 per cent duty is  
necessary to prevent the United States man-  
ufacturers of cigars and spirits from being  
at a disadvantage. It declares the revenue  
law for Porto Rico absolutely within the  
power of congress to determine. It says  
the term, United States, in its political  
sense, means that corporation which is the  
result of the federal union and constitutes  
the United States a nation. It is undoubt-  
edly in this sense it is used in the constitu-  
tion.

In incidence of the unlimited power  
congress over acquired territory, it  
pointed out that it was found necessary,  
cases of the acquisition of territory  
incorporation in the United States, to stip-  
ulate therein in every treaty thus far made  
by the nation, and to provide in set terms  
for the granting of political rights to the  
inhabitants living there at the time of the  
acquisition. It is argued if, by the mere  
act of acquisition, they became parts of  
the United States this would be unnecessary.

The minority report of the ways and  
means committee of the house on the Por-  
to Rican tariff bill was signed by all the  
democratic members and Newlands, (Ill.).  
The report holds that the constitutional  
provision that all duties shall be uniform  
throughout the United States applies to  
Porto Rico which, they claim is part of  
the







# INSTITUTE ENDS

President W. H. Bean And the Other Officers Were Re-elected.

## HOW TO SPRAY FRUIT TREES

H. M. Dunlap, of Champaign, Gives the Result of His Experience and Observation.

## COMPLETE LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS

Thursday was the closing day of the farmers' institute. All of the sessions were largely attended and altogether the day was one of the best of the institute. In the morning a program of interesting talks and papers was given and after one paper had been read in the afternoon the business session was held. The old officers of the institute association were elected for the coming year. These officers and the members of the executive committee are as follows:

W. H. Bean, Blue Mound, president.  
L. H. Moffitt, Boody, vice president.  
C. A. Thrift, Forsyth, secretary.  
J. R. Burrows, Long Creek, assistant secretary.

C. H. Scott, Mt. Zion, treasurer.  
Executive Committee: Frank McInnes, Harrisburg; David Winthrop, Marion; J. W. Walker, Oakley; Burling Burrows, Long Creek; John Rucker, Long Creek; O. E. Wheeler, Decatur; W. H. Bean, Blue Mound; W. H. Bean, Burling Burrows and J. F. McInnes were chosen as the delegates to the convention of the state farmers' association which will be held at Mt. Vernon. On motion of John Ward, Secretary Thrift was instructed to correspond with the supervisors of the townships not represented on the executive committee with a view of having representatives appointed by the supervisors for those townships. Resolutions of thanks were voted to the officers and committees of the institute association, to the city press and to all others who had contributed in any way to the success of the meeting that had been held.

### SPRAYING FOR FRUIT.

The only address which was made during the afternoon, and which address by the way, was most interesting and valuable one, was given by H. M. Dunlap, of Champaign. The subject of the talk was "When and How to Spray for Fruit." Mr. Dunlap is one of the largest fruit growers in the state and is also known as one of the best informed horticulturists in this section of the country. A part of his address is given below:

"I presume you know that we have had only a few good fruit crops in the past five or six years and you might be interested in knowing the reason that so few good crops have been produced. Last year we had great promise of a good crop, but of our fall apples only a few of them were given and were of a very inferior kind. The crop was due to the fact that the season was a good one for producing small insects and fungus growths that harm the trees and the fruit and no attempt was made to check the work of these parasites. The only method of destroying these harmful agents is by spraying. The purpose of spraying is two fold, namely to keep the foliage free from parasites and the fruit free from scales and worms. One is to destroy a fungus growth and the other to destroy an insect. Fortunately we can mix our spraying solutions so that both objects may be accomplished at one time. In the spring there are germs or spores that are too small to be seen with the naked eye. They live over from the past season and in the spring rise in the atmosphere and drop on the leaves and young apples. If the season is a good one for them they begin to grow and at an early stage of their growth send a root down into the apples. You must spray in time to make your work effective. If the root has obtained a firm hold in the fruit you can put on a barrel of liquid and your work will amount to nothing. Last spring I sprayed a group of nine rows of willow trip apple trees, beginning three days after the blossoms fell. I continued for three days and then mixed two days on account of the rain. I had gone over only about half of my orchard. (The remaining nine rows of trees I sprayed after the rain. The result was I harvested from the nine rows which were first sprayed 175 bushels of fancy apples and a number of bushels which graded as No. 2 stock. From the half sprayed after the rain I gathered 17 bushels more grading above No. 2 stock. That experiment convinced me that it was necessary to spray my trees before the parasites got too far ahead of me. In spraying to prevent fungus growth do not use Paris green, but use another preparation made especially for the purpose.

To have good fruit you must have good foliage on the trees in the fall. Every bud is either a fruit bud or a leaf bud and both must be protected by spraying. It, in the winter time, you will let the branch of a tree come in through the window that portion of the branch exposed to the warmth of the room will begin to produce a foliage. This proves that the foliage comes from the branch itself and it also shows that the growth was deposited there during the previous fall. The object in spraying is to protect foliage from parasites during the critical stage of its formation in the spring. Spraying not only protects the buds from parasites, but makes them strong and thrifty enough to withstand almost any condition of weather in the early spring. A well fed and thrifty calf can wait longer for grass to come in the spring than a calf that has been poorly fed or protected during the winter. It is the same way with fruit. The better care that is taken of it the better will the yield be. I can see no reason why we should not have a good apple crop nine seasons out of ten.

The solution used in spraying to prevent the fungus growth is composed as follows: To 50 gallons of water use 4 pounds of fresh slacked lime and 4 pounds of copper sulphate, or common blue stone.

In spraying to prevent and destroy the growth of worms in apple the solution

named above put four ounces of Paris green in a Mason fruit jar. Do not pour it into the 50 gallons of water as it will come to the top and will not dissolve easily. It can be mixed with a small quantity of water better than with a large quantity. The mixer or moth that lays the egg that produces the worm flies at night and deposits the egg in the bell of the blossom that produces the apple. Be sure to spray while the tree is in blossom if you wish to get rid of this insect.

In concluding his address Mr. Dunlap told the farmers that the recent report sent out by the state horticultural society contains a great deal of information about the spraying of trees. He stated that anyone can become a member of the society for one year by paying a fee of \$1 and sending his name to the secretary, L. R. Bryant, at Princeton, Ill. A life membership in the society costs only \$5 and to all such members all reports are compiled some 15 or 20 in number, will be sent.

### SALE OF EXHIBITS.

The sale of the exhibits attracted a large crowd to the courthouse in the afternoon. George W. Soland, of Boody, was the auctioneer. The corn was sold first. It brought from 25c to \$2.50 per bushel. The prizes realized on some of the other exhibits were as follows: oats, 2c to \$1.50 per bushel; butter, 15c to 50c per pound; honey, 20c to 25c per pound; cakes, 15c to \$1.50 each; canned fruit, 25c to 75c per can.

### FARM ANIMALS

H. P. Grout Discusses the Type and Quality of Stock.

The Thursday morning session was opened with a prayer by Rev. W. C. Miller of the Congregational church and music by the children from the high school under the direction of Professor Washoff. The first paper was

SAVING THE PIECES.

Miss Laura Patterson on the subject of "Saving the Pieces," saying that in the opportunity that the farmer has in studying nature under and her methods he finds the greatest object lesson in the necessity of saving the scraps. Nature economizes at every turn and brings forth results exactly in order with the amounts invested. Miss Patterson urged the saving of the pieces mentally, morally and physically in all lines and callings of life.

### FARM ANIMALS.

"Type and Quality of Farm Animals" was the subject of a practical talk by H. P. Grout at the morning session of the farmers' institute on Thursday. Mr. Grout illustrated his remarks by pictures of the different types of different breeds of cattle, sheep and hogs and showed by his ready adaptation of illustration how thoroughly familiar he was with his subject. He began by calling the farm animal a machine, a sort of a condenser into which the farmer feeds his corn and farm products and expects to realize a certain profit on the investment when the animal is sold into the market. If he does not know exactly what kind of an animal he is feeding his profit is lost. "You will find the manufacturer of any kind of machinery thoroughly alive to the needs and demands of his customers," said Mr. Grout. "He will know exactly what kind of a machine is demanded to do a certain kind of work and he will make a machine that can do this work as good if not better than any other on the market. He considers not his material alone but the entire thing from beginning to end is a study all along the line. How many farmers are giving their machinery this thought. To a great many a cow is a cow, and a steer is a steer, and they do not make any difference about the ancestry and what is expected of the animal but take any thing that walks on four legs and let it go and then wonder why they do not get the prices that other farmers do who breed carefully for the purposes desired. The first reason why this difference is not appreciated is because the why of it is not understood." Mr. Grout then gave some reasons why they should use better stock and give the matter more study. He said, "Many bunches of stores are shipped to the market and when they do not pan out, instead of looking at home and finding out where the trouble lies owners blame the Big Four or the buyers. But this is a mistake. If your cattle does not bring the price you expect it is because you are not feeding the right kind of cattle. The buyers are nothing about the breed. What they are after is the amount of meat that is on the animal. The buyer knows exactly what kind of a cow will make the most and the best meat. There is no reason why the farmer should not know the same thing. The point is, first know what you are going to raise your cattle for and then get the best possible breeds for the purpose intended. The best producing cow and the milk and butter producing cow are two distinct types. Cattle for beef are bred to put their food in the flesh along their back and cows for the dairy are bred to put their food into the udder. See the difference between the two. The five necessary points in a beef producing cow are that they should be low, deep, broad, smooth and thick. The lines of the back should be parallel." Mr. Grout here showed illustration of cows as they are out put for the retail trade marking the different parts with the retail price so that those present might see just where the money producing flesh must lie. The neck sells at 5 cents per pound, the chuck 10, the prime ribs, 18, the porthouse 25, the round 18, the flank and flank at 10, the sirloin at 12, etc. By illustration he showed that the most expensive and best meat lies along the back, hence this argument for the five points named. The Jersey which has been for generations bred for dairy purposes has no straight lines. Rather the lines are wedge shaped. Take the Angus which was bred for generations by the Scotch for beef and you find what years of breeding for a purpose has done in the excellence of their beef producing qualities. True there may be cows who serve dual purposes but they are rare and the development of one quality usually reduces the value of the other.

In illustration Mr. Grout told of an experiment with two steers, one Jersey and the other a Hereford. They were taken at the same time, given the same food and the same attention. They gained equally, and when ready for market each weighed 1200 pounds. But when they came to be sold the Hereford brought \$2.25 more per 100 pounds than did the Jersey.

It was found that the Jersey had produced 250 pounds of tallow while the Hereford had produced but 180 pounds. The Jersey true to the instinct of his breed had not converted his food to flesh but to tallow. In this showing the instinct of his mother to convert food to milk. Mr. Grout said it could easily be seen by this which machine was capable of the best and most profitable work along certain lines. He said: "You must have an ideal for your cattle. Find out what you want to do with them and then get the best for the purpose for which you intend using them. Do not think that you can get a good animal cheap. Be willing to pay the price and save the difference in the fuel you feed to your machines."

In conclusion Mr. Grout said that what was true in regard to cattle was equally true in regard to sheep and hogs.

### SOME OF THE AWARDS

Judges Pass On the Exhibits—Names of the Prize Winners.

The judges made the following awards.

Archie, 3 leaves broad—Mrs. W. H. Hasting, Warrensburg, 1st, 100 pounds flour; Mrs. G. W. Hartley, Decatur, 2d, 20 pounds flour.

C. C. Augustine, leaf cake—S. M. Macklin, Emory, 1st, pair gold spectacles.

W. S. Brown, angel's food—Miss Martha Downing, Decatur, 1st, side saddle; Mrs. A. Davis, Camer, 2d, both perfume.

C. M. Burnett, fruit cake—Mrs. Geo. Wilcox, Argenta, 1st, washing machine; Mrs. Lewis Sanders, Long Creek, 2d, cake stand.

Bachman Bros. & Martin, 3 leaves broad—Mrs. E. J. Wilkins, Decatur, 1st, rocker; Mrs. Agnes Habenstree, Blue Mound, 2d, rocker.

St. Cakes—Mrs. J. B. Camp, Harrisburg, 1st, rocker; Mrs. J. N. Boer, Boonville, 2d, rocker.

H. G. Boyer, 12 oats popcorn—William Schenck, Marion, 1st, jar preserves.

Bradley Bros., layer cake—Mrs. L. M. Gray, Elwin, 1st, carpet sweeper.

J. G. Clardy, corn pone—Mrs. Lewis Sanders, Long Creek, one-half doz. brooms.

Decatur Milling Co., 3 leaves broad—Mrs. Warrick, Decatur, 1st, 150 pounds flour; Mrs. O. R. Mallory, Elwin, 2d, 100 pounds flour; Mrs. Emma Blankenship, Decatur, 3d, 50 pounds flour.

D. B. Nolrath, Coconut Cake—Mrs. J. M. Gray, Elwin, 1st, pair shoes; Miss Ribber, Blue Mound, 2d, music folio.

C. L. Gill, marble cake—Mrs. L. M. Gray, Elwin, pair shoes.

Decatur Herald, plum pudding—Mrs. J. B. Camp, Harrisburg, 1st, year's subscription to daily; Mrs. J. W. Rowe, Decatur, 2d, year's subscription to semi-weekly.

Jenison, 3 leaves broad—Mrs. C. Weaver, Forsyth, 100 pounds flour.

C. C. Leforgue, pineapple cake—Mrs. E. Smith, Forsyth, dozen photos.

Millikin bank, corn bread—Mrs. Cal Minick, Decatur, 1st, \$1; Mrs. L. E. Wilcox, Decatur, 2d, \$2.

Dr. J. D. Moore, 3 lb. butter—Mrs. J. W. Rowe, Decatur, 1st, 35 dental work; Mrs. E. Combs, 3d, 35 dental work.

Monmouth Wells, Co., 2 lbs. butter—Mrs. J. C. Rowe, Decatur, 1st, churn.

National bank, sponge cake—Mrs. G. R. Smith, Mt. Zion, 35.

Prescott Mule Co., chocolate cake—Mrs. G. R. Smith, Mt. Zion, mandarin or guilt.

Post & Son, fancy butter—Mrs. James Hockaday, Emory, butter dish.

Hogers & Clark, jelly cake—Mrs. Nellie Cunningham, Elwin, pair slippers.

Decatur Railway, 3 varieties apples—G. F. Cotter, Boody, 1st, Daily Review, one year; William Sawyer, Decatur, 2d, semi-weekly Review one year.

Shollabarger Co., 3 leaves broad, baked by girl under 17—Miss Mabel White, Forsyth, 1st, \$5; Miss Edith Cunningham, Elwin, 2d, \$3.

Shollabarger Co., 3 leaves broad—Mrs. A. E. Miller, Decatur, 1st, barrel flour; Mrs. Albert Shaffer, Harrisburg, 2d, 100 pound flour.

B. Stine Co., pop corn—Roy Cramer, Marion.

J. G. Starr & Son, bushel white oats—Wright Allen, Harrisburg, 1st, horse blanket.

Summerfield & Co., Irish potatoes—G. F. Cotter, Boody, sweater.

F. H. Tait & Co., bushel oats—Wright Allen, Harrisburg, one gate sweater.

Wheeler, Sinking & Co., pork cloverseed—Frank Gregory, Oulton, Ill., 1st, mower.

J. A. West, apple cake—Mrs. L. P. Barnes, Orem, 1st, bottle perfume.

Oultonheimer & Co., declamation, boy under 10—Walker P. Montgomery, Austin, overcoat.

### WHEAT, OATS, ETC.

Lot 2, Class 1.  
Premiums are \$1.25 for 1st and 75c for second. P. W. Lohm, Warrensburg, 1st; J. Hays, Decatur, 2d.

Lot 3, Class 2.  
Premiums are \$1.75 and 50c. Peck white oats—Wright Allen, Harrisburg, 1st; R. E. Johnson, Latham, 2d; George Vermillion, Decatur, 3d.

Peck mixed oats—E. Combs, Decatur, 1st; T. J. Wright, Marion, 2d; F. Habenstree, Blue Mound, 3d.

Two quarts clover seed—Joseph Krieg, Mt. Zion, 1st; W. D. Moffett, Boody, 2d; W. F. Gambell, Decatur, 3d.

Two quarts timothy seed—J. A. Senger, Harrisburg, 1st.

Lot 2, Class 3.  
Premiums are \$1.75 and 50c.  
Peck early potatoes—J. H. Moffett, Boody, 1st; T. J. Wright, Marion, 2d; Frank Mulhearn, Harrisburg, 3d.

Peck sweet potatoes—G. F. Cotter, Boody, 1st.

Lot 3, Class 4.  
Premiums are \$1.50, \$1 and 50c.  
Six apples—William Sawyer, Decatur, 1st and 2d; A. B. Barnes, Orem, 2d.

Lot 3, Class 1.  
Premiums are \$1.75 and 50c.  
Loaf light bread—Mrs. J. B. Camp, Harrisburg, 1st; Miss Myrtle Hinkley, Forsyth, 2d; Mrs. M. Hinkley, Forsyth, 3d.

Lot 3, Class 2.  
Premiums on this lot are \$1.75 and 50c.  
Coconut Cake—Miss Lucy Kretzer, Decatur, 1st.

Jelly Cake—Mrs. Warrick, Decatur, 1st.

Sponge Cake—Mrs. J. L. Dempsey, Decatur, 1st.

Spice Cake—Mrs. G. W. Cunningham, Elwin, 1st; Mrs. W. C. Hutchinson, Decatur, 2d.

Pound of honey—Guy Hockaday, Emory, 1st; Mrs. James Hockaday, Emory, 2d; Frank Baker, Oakley, 3d.

Lot 4, Class 3.  
Premiums on first two are \$1.75 and 50c and on the third \$1.10, \$1 and 50c.  
Pound butter—Mrs. J. W. Rowe, Decatur, 1st; Mrs. E. Combs, Decatur, 2d; Mrs. A. Habenstree, Blue Mound, 3d.

12 oat popcorn—J. A. Senger, Harrisburg, 1st; William Schenck, Marion, 2d; Floyd Spoolman, 3d.

One-fourth bushel pop corn—John B. Walker, Sangamon, 1st; James Walker, Sangamon, 2d; C. B. Stearns, Forsyth, 3d.

Lot 4, Class 1.  
Premiums are \$1.75 and 50c.  
William Schenck, Marion, 1st; L. P. Barnes, Orem, 2d; Thomas Hill, Elwin, 3d.

Lot 5, Class 1.  
Premiums are 75c, 50c and 25c.  
Can peaches—Mrs. E. H. Jamison, Decatur, 1st; Mrs. L. P. Barnes, Orem, 2d; Mrs. M. E. Hutchinson, Decatur, 3d.

Can peas—Mrs. J. H. Snarr, Decatur, 1st; Mrs. A. C. Moffett, Boody, 2d; Mrs. H. H. Jamison, Decatur, 3d.

Can Flours—Mrs. J. L. Dempsey, Decatur, 1st; Mrs. J. E. Bendure, 2d.

Can gooseberries—S. Elgin, Sangamon, 1st; Miss Amy Vermillion, Decatur, 2d; Mrs. Eva L. Goller, Decatur, 3d.

Can Raspberries—Mrs. Adelle Montgomery, Decatur, 1st.

Can Blackberries—Mrs. S. H. Jamison, Decatur, 1st; Miss Amy Vermillion, Decatur, 2d; Mrs. J. E. Bendure, Decatur, 3d.

Can strawberries—Mrs. J. E. Bendure, Decatur, 1st; Mrs. J. E. Kretzer, Decatur, 2d; Mrs. A. Montgomery, Decatur, 3d.

Can currants—Mrs. J. Kretzer, Decatur, 1st; Mrs. L. P. Barnes, Orem, 2d; Mrs. M. E. Hutchinson, Decatur, 3d.

Can cherries—Mrs. J. L. Dempsey, Decatur, 1st; Mrs. J. W. Walker, Decatur, 2d; Mrs. S. H. Jamison, Decatur, 3d.

Can apricots—Mrs. J. E. Bendure, Decatur, 1st; Mrs. L. P. Barnes, Orem, 3d.

### CORN.

Lot 1, Class 1.  
Premiums are \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.75.  
Yellow Corn—Geo. L. Jones, Emory, 1st; E. Coombs, Decatur, 2d; Geo. L. Jones, Emory, 3d.

White Corn—C. Veech, Oakley, 1st; John Ward, Knights 2d; J. O. Rainey, Forsyth 3d.

Lot 1, Class 2.  
Premiums 75c, 50c and 25c.—W. T. Hohenck, Marion, 1st and 3d; W. E. Coombs, Decatur, 2d.

Lot 1, Class 4.  
Premiums are \$1.75 and 50c.  
Twelve ears of corn that yield the largest percent of shelled corn—J. A. Senger, Harrisburg, 1st; T. F. Tolbert, Harrisburg, 2d; W. T. Schenck, Marion, 3d.

### The Black Hawk.

One of the features of the farmers' institute is the exhibition of improved implements at the court house. It is astonishing what wonderful improvements are made from year to year in farm machinery. The machines that were five years ago regarded as perfect are now becoming obsolete and are crowded aside by new improvements with better devices. The implement that attract most attention at the farmers' institute is the Black Hawk planter exhibited by Spencer & Lehnman. It is operated in such a way as to show the regularity of the dropping. It is set to drop three kernels in each hill and it does this with wonderful accuracy. In fact from 98 to 99 per cent of the hills dropped had exactly three kernels. By a change in dropping plates the farmer can have four grains in each hill or two or two and three alternately with quite as much certainty. Its exactness in dropping just the right number of grains in each hill is a result of prime importance. This is believed to be the greatest improvement in corn planters that has been developed in the last 15 years.

### Deeds Recorded.

Frank J. Sufferin to Samuel R. Sufferin lot 9 in block 13 in Wood's subdivision in Guilks's addition to Decatur; 1st.

Shah Giddis to Kate E. Hoyston lots 9, 10 and 11 in block 21 in Railroad addition to Marion; 1st.

Francis O. Winslow to Charles B. Hall the undivided half of lot 12 in block 8 in Yates & King's addition to Decatur; \$3800.

Charles B. Hall to Francis O. Winslow the north half of the northwest quarter of section 2, township 14, range 2 east; \$5800.

Randall R. Gordon administrator to John B. Prestley, lot 15 in block 7 in East Park boulevard; \$5.

Louis McMillins to Arthur E. Hampton 40 feet of the south side of lot 10 in block 1 in E. B. Durfee's second addition to Decatur; \$1400.

### Marriage Licenses.

Win. A. Smith, Sugar Creek, Ind., 27.  
Bonnie L. Ashen, Sugar Creek, Ind., 20.  
Win. Besolze, Decatur, 20.  
Guslie Burnbush, Decatur, 19.  
Zanna K. Plazo, Decatur, 19.  
Annu M. Butts, Decatur, 19.

### FORESYTH.

Al. Lehnman has returned from Peoria. Dr. Bert Mowry of Chicago, visited his parents last week.

Dave Stewart is on the sick list.

Mr. Nichols, of Macon, was the guest of Volney Barber last week.

Mrs. Mabel Thill, who has been sick at the hospital in Decatur, returned to her school Monday.

Mrs. D. L. Parkhurst entertained her sister, Mrs. Anna Simpson, and Lane, and Mrs. and Mrs. Kate Smith, of Cairo, Orem, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoover and son, Wayne, of Macon, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Benton.

Mr. Good, of Kansas, is visiting his uncle, J. B. Good and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Barber entertained a company of young folks Friday evening in honor of their son, Volney's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Glesser are visiting at Emory.

Miss Etta Bister, of Decatur, is visiting home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Good entertained the Progressive Euchre club Saturday evening.

The Princess of the Orient had two installations Tuesday night.

The Chicago Tribune has brought suit against the Associated Press for violation of copyright law. One hundred thousand dollars' damages wanted.

# GOOD MORNING!

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### NEARBY TOWNS.

#### MARION.

The fifth number of the Marion High school lecture course will be given Thursday evening, Feb. 15. It will be Dr. Burdett, the celebrated automobile player and vocalist of Harrisburg.

Mrs. M. E. Huff is visiting in Decatur for a day or so.

John Knott of Clinton was in town Wednesday.

C. C. Leforgue was a Marion visitor Monday evening.

Elder O. C. Redgrave has rented the W. P. Hill property south of the Christian church.

An Awful Time—The Princess of the Orient will have another big killing in Marion Wednesday evening, Feb. 21. There will be plenty of candidates as there are a large number already who are willing to tread the hot sands.

Mrs. Dora and Naomie Champney of Clinton visited friends here Tuesday.

O. P. Fries of Decatur was here Tuesday.

Brought Here for Burial—Mrs. J. P. Kelley, who died at her home at Harrisburg, Ill., Tuesday morning of lung fever, was brought to Marion at 2:24 on the Vandalia train Wednesday afternoon for burial. The remains were taken right from the depot to the Christian church, where the funeral services were held. Elder P. P. York preached the funeral sermon. Mrs. Kelley was 64 years old and leaves to mourn her loss her husband, one son, Reuben, and one daughter, Alice, both of whom are married. Reuben living at St. Louis and Alice at Marion. Mr. Kelley owns property in the north part of town and it has been about six years since it and his family moved from Marion. Mrs. Kelley is a sister of the late Mrs. J. M. Malone. The girl brothers were T. B. Garner, George Garner, E. J. O'Leary, O. J. Hadley, Andy Williamson, W. H. Stoen, and John. Interment at Marion cemetery.

A Reception—The Rehearsal and O'Leary gave Robert Leach and wife royal reception. There were about 100 present and a banquet supper was served in the Masonic banquet hall. A program was rendered during the evening. Mr. Leach and wife leave in a few days for their new home at Mac City, Iowa.

Feb. 8.

#### CLINTON.

By Owen, a farmer living west of Clinton, on one of Col. Bell's farms, today loaded his goods into wagons and started for Decatur, Ill., which place he will make his future home.

John Hall, a farmer near Farmer City, has moved to the place vacated by Mr. Owen.

The revival services at the Methodist church is well attended by an interested audience. Mr. Anthony of Springfield, Ill., has charge of the revival and is doing his work well. He is an interesting speaker.

The Presbyterians have installed their new pastor, Rev. Samuel Black.

The directors of Walden Spring have decided to establish a Chautauque if the citizens of the city will give the medal, help and encouragement.

The Clinton High school are having addresses on subjects connected with their work, the first school day of each month, the speakers being the local ministers and lawyers. The talk today by E. A. Gilliland on "Socrates" was highly appreciated. The directors are putting the finishing

# THREE WEDDINGS

Marriage of Miss Laura Jenkins to Charles Riege of California.

## WAS A VERY PRETTY

Edward Johnson of Macon Isabelle Morrow Marries High Noon.

MCKINLEY-FLETCHER

The elegance of taste and the marked details of the area the wedding of Miss Laura Jenkins and Charles H. Riege of California who were united in marriage at the bride's parents, Mr. and W. Jenkins at 279 West William street last evening, made it one of the most popular and beautiful of the season.

The bride party descended at 8 o'clock to the strains of a wedding march played by the orchestra. The bridesmaids, Miss and Miss Patterson came immediately following were the mother, Mrs. W. D. Orichon of W. Tenn., who carried the broad ribbon which were enrolled as bridesmaids and the bride's friends were Miss Stella of Dresden, Tenn. The last, walking alone to the altar and palms which were arranged front windows of the parlor and groom and the minister, the Rev. Miller, pastor of the First Church, awaited her. The full was then said and as the vows were being offered the selection Lohengrin.

At the wedding supper which bride party was seated at a table adorned with flowers, similar to the colors being pink and green. The center of the table was arranged in a circle with a narrow pink ribbon and at the corners of the table were Miss Stella of Dresden, Tenn. The room was draped with festoons caught up with bows of the satin ribbon and the lights with pink shades in the shape of the smaller. Mrs. Snyder

The floral adornment of the house was very beautiful. In the hall was draped from the new to the chandelier and hung festoons over the lights which in green shades in shape of the dining room. A frieze was arranged around the room and the walls were used in the library was in red, orange and exclusively. Nearly all the brought by the groom from California was beautiful in a dais of mousseline de sole over a mace and train. She was a tall with an American beauty; rose for ornament she wore the a diamond equestrian. Mrs. white crepe de chine with pastel trimmings and Mrs. Collette with an overdress of white. The matrons of honor and pink carnations. Miss Jen in pale blue mousseline de sole and Miss Watkins wore mousseline over pink tulle. pink carnations.

The guest book was in the many and handsome gift played in the music room a library. They included pieces exquisite old glass, china, rare pictures and pen and ink drawings.

Mr. and Mrs. Riege left Chicago where after visiting they will go to Plattville. The groom's father who is an influential citizen of that place will go to Fresno to reside.

Guests from out of town were Miss Rita Reige, the of Plattville, Wis., Mrs. G. and Miss Frances Watkins of Tenn., Mrs. W. D. Orichon of Ill., Miss Maude Deteling of Macon, and Mrs. Taylor.

### NOON WEDDING

At 12 o'clock noon, at the bride at 535 North Belmont street, Feb. 7, occurred the marriage of Isabelle Morrow and G. O. Williams, Jr., son of Mr. A. Williams, Ill. Rev. A. Williams, Ill., performed the nuptial ceremony in the presence of the members of the families of the couple. The followed by a wedding dinner. The arrangements were on foot before a lack of pots were arranged in the corner. On either side was draped with trimmings. In the decorations were in pin ceremonies and similar being scenes were drawn and the throughout.

Miss Morrow wore a gown mauve, made with ruffles, ermine. She wore a butterfly veil in her hair and carried bride's roses tied with long. The couples were remembered her of handsome gifts.

Mr. Johnson is the son of

### Crazy Dago.

Morris, Feb. 8.—Domenico Rossetti, of Saffersville, after failing to kill his family and burn the house, threw himself under a train and was ground to death.



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...on the walk of the new Universal  
...church  
...Chilton expects free mail delivery May  
...There will be three mail carriers and  
...711 stations are numerous.  
...Mrs. Minnie Quigley returned to Decatur  
...Monday morning. She is attending  
...her own commercial college.  
Feb. 6.

#### ARGENTIA.

...Mrs. C. A. Lindley is slowly convalesc-  
...ing from, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bennett  
...last week, a son.  
...Wednesday's regular meeting next Mon-  
...day night. One candidate to initiate,  
...others invited.  
...J. H. Bell of Watkins, has located here  
...and will conduct a bakery.  
...Fred Haub landed his car on Tuesday  
...morning, to Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Kille on  
...Wednesday, a daughter.  
...Miss Louise Adams, of Decatur, spent  
...Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Miller.  
...Charles Shannon goes back to his work  
...New Mexico next week, after a month's  
...vacation.

#### PRAIRIE HOME.

...It is true that some of the farmers here  
...to telephones in their residences and  
...to will have them in the spring, but  
...at no time will an electric railway  
...run from Shelbyville to Decatur, one  
...will carry passengers and haul an or-  
...derly freight car.

...The farmers from this neighborhood felt  
...needs a more kind of transportation  
...to than ever when 12 wagons loaded  
...with corn stood in Dalton for three  
...days waiting for men from east of Daw-  
...son to come to get on the scales. The  
...farmers will not always be contented  
...with grain from 10 to 12 miles.

...H. H. Farmer delivered 10,000 bushels of  
...corn to Dalton and Bethany markets  
...and will deliver about 2000 more as soon  
...as the roads are in condition to haul.  
...The corn was four years old and  
...was bought by Mr. Sanner at 40c per  
...bushel.

...Arthur Small delivered 200 bushels of  
...corn to Dalton.  
...John Crane finished delivering 10,000  
...bushels of corn and if the good roads had  
...been up several others would have  
...been shipped from the staple article.  
...Several farmers from here will attend  
...the farmers' institute at Decatur this  
...week.

...Simon Primmer will ship a car load of  
...corn of his own feeding Tuesday.  
...Dr. Harper is doing a vaccination busi-  
...ness.

#### Crazy Dago.

...Morris, Feb. 8.—Dominic Rosettio, of  
...Cerrville, after falling to kill his family  
...burn the house, throw himself under a  
...train and was crushed to death.

## THREE WEDDINGS

Marriage of Miss Laura Tenney  
Jenkins to Charles H.  
Riege of California.

WAS A VERY PRETTY AFFAIR.

Howard Johnson of Macon and Miss  
Isabelle Morrow Married at  
High Noon.

MCKINLEY-FLETCHER NUPITALS.

The elegance of taste and beauty which  
marked the details of the arrangements of  
the wedding of Miss Laura Tenney Jen-  
kins and Charles H. Riege of Fresno, Cal.,  
who were united in marriage at the home  
of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George  
W. Jenkins at 274 West William street at 8  
o'clock last evening, gave it marked event  
in the calendar of Decatur's recent and  
more prominent weddings. The guests in-  
cluded the immediate relatives and the  
business friends of Mr. Jenkins, who is  
one of the most popular contractors on the  
Wabash.

The bridal party descended the stairs at  
8 o'clock to the strains of Mendelssohn's  
wedding march played by the mandolin  
orchestra. The ushers, Messrs. Edgar Quin-  
lan and Hal Patterson came first, imme-  
diately following were the matrons of hon-  
or, Mrs. W. D. Orlickson of Fresno, Cal.,  
and Mrs. George E. Scott of Dyersburg,  
Tenn., who carried the broad white satin  
ribbons which were unrolled to form an  
aisle for the bride and the bride. The  
bridemaids were Miss Stella Jenkins, sis-  
ter of the bride and Miss Florence Wat-  
kins of Dyersburg, Tenn. The bride came  
laid, walking alone to the canopy of emil-  
aisle and palm which was arranged at the  
front window of the parlor and where the  
groom and the minister, the Rev. W. C.  
Miller, pastor of the First Congregational  
church, awaited her. The full ring service  
was then said and as the vows were repeated  
the orchestra played softly "Hearns and  
Flowers." At the close when well wishes  
were being offered the selection was from  
Lohengrin.

At the wedding supper which followed the  
bridal party was seated at a table artistically  
adorned with flowers, smilax and ribbons,  
the colors being pink and green. In the  
center of the table was arranged an oblong  
piece outlined with narrow pink satin rib-  
bons and at the corners of this piece  
bridemaids roses were tied with wide pink  
satin ribbons. A huge vase of the roses  
stood on an exquisite piece of lace in the  
center of the table and roses were scattered  
loosely over the cloth. The mantles of the  
room were draped with festoons of smilax  
caught up with bows of the broad pink  
satin ribbon and the lights were shaded  
with pink shades in the shape of lilies.  
The chandeliers were draped with festoons  
of the smilax. Mrs. Snyder served.

The floral adornment throughout the  
house was very beautiful. In the parlor the  
smilax was draped from the nuptial canopy  
to the chandelier and hung in graceful  
festoons over the lights which were shaded  
in green shades in shape of lilies to match  
the dining room. A festoon of evergreen  
was arranged around the room and orna-  
mentations and lilies were used in profusion.  
The library was in red, carnations being  
used exclusively. Nearly all the flowers were  
brought by the groom from California. The  
bride was beautiful in a delicate creation  
of mousseline de sole over white tulle,  
madras train. She wore a tulle veil caught  
up with an American beauty rose and or-  
namented one American beauty rose in her hand.  
For ornaments she wore the groom's gift,  
a diamond sunburst. Mrs. Orlickson wore  
white crepe de chine with pearl passement-  
erie trimmings and Mrs. Scott wore white  
tulle with an overture of white sequined  
tulle. The matrons of honor carried roses  
and pink carnations. Miss Jenkins dressed  
in pale blue mousseline de sole over blue  
tulle and Miss Watkins wore pale pink  
mousseline over pink tulle. Both carried  
pink carnations.

The guest book was in the library and  
the many and handsome gifts were dis-  
played in the music room adjoining the  
library. They included pieces of the most  
exquisite cut glass, china, real lace, silver,  
pictures and pen and ink sketches and  
drawings.

Mr. and Mrs. Riege left last night for  
Chicago where after visiting for a few days  
they will go to Plattville, Wis., to visit  
the groom's father who is a wealthy and  
influential citizen of that place. Later they  
will go to Fresno to reside. Mr. Riege is  
the proprietor of a book store and one of  
the leading young business men of the city.  
Guests from out of town in attendance  
were Miss Ella Riege, the groom's sister  
of Plattville, Wis., Mrs. George E. Scott  
and Miss Frances Watkins of Dyersburg,  
Tenn., Mrs. W. D. Orlickson of Fresno,  
Cal., Miss Maude Deteling and Leo Plow-  
man of Taylorville.

#### NOON WEDDING.

At 12 o'clock noon, at the home of the  
bride at 835 South Selig street on Wednes-  
day, Feb. 7, occurred the wedding of Miss  
Isabelle Morrow and G. Howard Johnson  
of Macon, Ill. Rev. A. Willard of Waverly,  
Ill., performed the nuptial service in the  
presence of the members of the immediate  
family of the couple. The ceremony was  
followed by a wedding dinner.

The arrangements were on a simple order  
but were pretty and artistic. The couple  
stood before a bank of polka plants which  
were arranged in the corner of the parlor.  
On either side was draped lace curtains  
trimmed with smilax. In the dining room  
the decoration was in pink and green.  
The shades were drawn and the house lighted  
throughout.

Miss Morrow wore a gown of white Paris  
moulin, made with ruffles, tucks and in-  
sertion. She wore a butterfly bow of white  
velvet in her hair and carried a bunch of  
bride's roses tied with long satin ribbons.  
The couples were remembered with a num-  
ber of handsome gifts.

Mr. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs.

John Johnson, one of the prominent fami-  
lies near Macon. The couple will go to  
housekeeping at once on his farm two  
miles southwest of Macon. They will go  
to Macon this morning and today a recep-  
tion in their honor will be held at the  
home of the groom's parents.

The bride has been connected with the  
Linn & Hargrave firm and has won many  
friends by her womanliness and pleasant  
manner. Guests from a distance who wit-  
nessed the ceremony were Mrs. J. V. Crow  
of Ashby and Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Price  
of Winterest, La.

#### MCKINLEY-FLETCHER.

On Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock Rev. W.  
O. Miller, pastor of the First Congrega-  
tional church at his residence on West Fifth  
street united in marriage Omas. E. Mc-  
Kinley of Forsyth and Miss Ada E.  
Fletcher of Hickory Point township. The  
couple were attended by a party of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. McKinley left yesterday  
afternoon for the south where they will  
spend their honeymoon. They will spend  
their honeymoon. They are among the most  
prominent young people in the community  
in which they live.

#### THE EXACT SITUATION.

Statement by Dr. Jones of the Board  
of Health.

Ed. Herald.—There has been a very  
persistent rumor that a new case had ap-  
peared in Dr. Jones' family but Dr.  
Jones informs me that this is absolutely  
false, as no member of his household is  
sick at all nor have any of them been ex-  
posed. The board of health released Mr.  
Smith, the Central Union Telephone su-  
perintendent and his wife from quaran-  
tine, because they have never been in Mr.  
Ogle's room nor he in theirs, and 19 days  
have now passed since the eruption ap-  
peared and precautions were taken to pre-  
vent contagion. In addition Mr. Smith  
is an inmate from having had varioloid,  
and his wife has been twice recently vac-  
cinated. Everything they took with them  
has been thoroughly fumigated and they  
remained in their room with the Formal-  
dehyde generator lighted as long as it was  
considered prudent to do so. Otto Stahl  
has been allowed to return to school be-  
cause he left home on Friday, Jan. 20,  
and has not returned and was not in Ogle's  
room after the eruption appeared.

Mr. Ogle is progressing very well and  
by the middle of next week will probably  
be fumigated and released.

There are absolutely no cases known to  
the board of health either as real or suspi-  
cious now, and no physician has any cases  
under observation so far as we know.

This is the exact situation in Decatur  
and all rumors to the contrary are without  
foundation.

H. C. Jones,  
Chairman Board of Health.

#### GOOD SHOOTING.

C. M. Powers Shows Good Form at  
Indianapolis.

At Indianapolis on Tuesday in the big  
trap shooting match C. M. Powers of De-  
catur was second man in the high gun.  
His record for that day was 230 out of a  
possible 240 targets. His scores were as  
follows, the first figure being the possible  
and the second the score: 10 8; 13-14; 20-18;  
15-15; 20-19; 20-18; 20-19; 10-8; 15-15;  
20-19; 15-16; 20-19; 20-30; 10-22.

It will be noticed that at the close of the  
day Mr. Powers was evidently getting his  
form. In the last six matches out of a pos-  
sible 110 targets he broke 109.

#### Deeds Recorded.

W. J. Cannon et al to George Jacobson  
and John F. Deall lot A in Batcher's ad-  
dition to Harritown. Also tract 720x19  
feet in the southwest corner of the north-  
west quarter of section 10, township 10,  
range 1 east, no. 128 acres east of lot A in  
Batcher's addition to Harritown; \$1.  
L. P. Houck to George Jacobson and  
John F. Deall; same as above described,  
\$150.

Thos. Chambers to Win. R. Chambers  
the east half of the southwest quarter of  
section 21 and the northeast quarter of the  
northeast quarter of the southeast quarter  
of section 17, and 7 acres in the southeast  
quarter of the northeast quarter of section  
17, township 10, range 4 east; \$1.

#### Reed Was Discharged.

The case of Harry Reed, a young man  
17 years of age, charged with disturbing  
the meeting at the Salvation Army hall  
on last Sunday evening was tried in Jus-  
tice Hardy's court yesterday. The boy was  
discharged. The case was prosecuted  
by City Attorney O. E. Walters and de-  
fended by Jack & Cook. The members of  
the Salvation Army say that the boy un-  
doubtedly did disturb the meeting and that  
they will continue to prosecute all who  
come there for that purpose. They say  
they have been very much annoyed by it  
by a class of boys about the age of Reed  
who come for the express purpose of dis-  
turbance the services and that they mean to  
stop the practice.

#### The Sunday School Canvass.

Arrangements for the canvass which  
will be made in the interest of the Sunday  
schools of the township early in March  
will be completed at a meeting which will  
be held at the First M. E. church this  
evening. An entirely new system of re-  
cording will be adopted in the canvass ac-  
cording to the one used in Philadelphia  
and in this way it will be possible for the  
work to be cut down to only a fraction of  
what it was in the last canvass made about  
three years ago. By using this system it  
will be possible for the different ministers  
to be in possession of their record the next  
day after the canvass is made. It will  
take about 300 persons to do the work.

#### Charity Conference.

Springfield, Feb. 7.—The next Illinois  
charity conference will be held at Cham-  
paign, October 9 and 10.

## UP TO DATE CARS

Part of the New Equipment  
For the Traction Co.  
Arrives.

CARS MODELS OF COMFORT

Handsome Finished, Strongly Built,  
Expensive Pieces of Furniture—Four  
More Expected This Week.

#### SOME CHANGES IN THE ROUTING

Wednesday four of the new street cars  
for the Decatur Traction company arrived  
from St. Louis. This morning they will  
be unloaded and as soon as Electrician  
Andrew Ambuhl can give everything about  
them a testing and prove that it is in  
working order the cars will be put in ser-  
vice. Perhaps they will be run out this  
evening but it may be that they will not  
be in service until tomorrow. Last night  
Secretary W. L. Shellbarger of the Traction  
company said: "We are more anxious  
to get the new equipment in service than  
any one. The impatience of the patrons  
of the line has not been more trying to  
them than has been our own impatience.  
It was simply impossible for us to get the  
cars any sooner. Now that they are here  
we shall be pleased to have the public  
show some appreciation of the improve-  
ment. We expect that the remaining four  
cars which are now completed will arrive  
here on Saturday. We shall make every  
possible effort to give the best street car  
service imaginable. The people will ad-  
mit when we get through our improve-  
ments that there is no better street car  
service in the west than the service we  
shall offer them."

The four cars which arrived last night  
are absolutely up to date. There is no  
convenience in street car building lacking  
in them. The interior dimensions of the  
cars are 18 1/2 feet. Instead of seats  
lengthwise on the side of the car there are  
seats after the fashion of ordinary steam  
cars—six seats on a side so that 24 persons  
can be comfortably seated. There is a  
wide aisle between the seats. On each side  
of the car is a row of six windows, the  
glass being American plate, 24x30 inches.  
Between the windows at each seat is an  
electric push button which may be used  
to warn the conductor or motorman that a  
stop is desired. The cars are electrically  
lighted and electrically heated. The seats  
are wicker work cushions and the seats are  
reversible so that parties of four may sit  
face to face. The platforms are of the drop  
pattern, being eight inches below the level  
of the car floor. The steps from the street  
to the platform are ten and twelve inches.  
The cars are ventilated five feet, the full  
width of the car. The headlights are on  
the dash board low down. On top of each  
car are signs of eight inch letters telling  
where the car is going. At night an electric  
light behind these signs illuminates them.  
The outside of the cars are painted  
in orange and cream, striped in silver and  
black. There is no lettering on the cars  
but each one is numbered. The interior of  
the cars are finished in light cherry, oiled,  
the trimming being brass. One good  
point about these cars is their strength. A  
heavy steel plate runs the full length of  
the car and there are cross bolsters of  
steel to get strength. These cars weigh  
17,000 pounds each which is 4000 pounds  
more than the heaviest car ever used in  
Decatur. Each car is equipped with two  
35-horse power motors. These cars cost  
\$3000 and certainly are up-to-date in every  
particular.

#### NEW ROUTES.

When the street car line is rebuilt as the  
owners intend that it shall be there will be  
adopted a new way of running cars. A por-  
tion of the new franchise ordinance as  
published in the Decatur Herald on Wed-  
nesday will show that the double track on  
Water street between East Main and East  
North street is to be converted into a sin-  
gle track. The same thing is to be done  
on Main street between the square and  
North street. The only double track will  
be from the intersection of Water and  
North street east to the depot.  
When the track rearrangement is com-  
pleted all southbound cars on the Water  
street line will turn west at North street  
and reach the square by way of Main street  
and on the outbound trip will go north by  
way of East Main and Water street. All  
cars from the depot will reach Lincoln  
Square by way of North Main street and  
will go to the depot by way of East Main  
and Water street.  
All West Main cars will continue east  
across the square to North Water and  
thence north to North street, west on  
North to Main street and thence south to  
the square and west on Main street.  
All Edward street cars after reaching  
the square will leave by way of East Main  
and Water street thence north to North  
street, west to Main and thence north.  
All Eldorado cars will go to Lincoln  
Square by way of North and Main streets  
and will go east by way of East Main  
and Water street.  
In fact the Riverside cars will be the  
only ones which will not go around the  
loop. By this plan every car (excepting  
those on the Riverside division) will pass  
all of the stores on Water and Main streets  
each trip they make. When this plan is  
fully understood and the patrons of the  
line become accustomed to it they will  
find that there will be less confusion as to  
the destination of the cars than under the  
present system. The company can give  
the same results with less double track.

## MERRICK A FUGITIVE.

Clerk in Secretary of State's Office Has  
Disappeared—Illinois News.

Springfield, Feb. 6.—Edward Merrick,  
assistant to Chief Clerk Olmstead in the  
office of the secretary of state, has fled  
from the city and his present whereabouts  
is unknown. He left here last Thursday,  
and it is said that his wife has since re-  
ceived a telegram from him, sent from  
New York, saying that he would soon be  
on his way to Paris. Since his departure it  
has become known that he succeeded in re-  
miffing a considerable sum of money on  
worthless checks, one of which, for \$100,  
was passed on William Zap, a local drug-  
gist. It is said that he has been gambling  
which is advanced as the cause of his  
downfall.

#### Editors Organize.

Oakland, Feb. 7.—At a meeting of the  
editors of Central Illinois in this city to-  
day an organization known as the Central  
Illinois Press Association was effected. Int.  
Stanley of Lexington, was elected presi-  
dent; C. C. Lewis of Arcola, secretary; H.  
D. Marsh of Loma, vice president; F. R.  
Osborn of Ridge Farm, treasurer. The ex-  
ecutive committee is composed of the fol-  
lowing: A. C. McKinley of Oakland,  
Nathan Collins of Arcola, L. T. Yeagin  
of Oakland. The association adjourned to  
meet in Mattoon June 6.

#### Free Mail.

Hillsboro, Feb. 7.—Representative Jett of  
Illinois has secured the establishment of  
rural free delivery at Hillsboro, covering  
a route of 25 miles. Colonel Jett is much  
interested in the extent of similar service  
to various points in his district. He has  
filed applications for routes to serve Butler,  
Cowdon, Moweaqua and other offices, and  
hopes for early and favorable action upon  
these requests.

#### Stevenson a Grandfather.

Bloomington, Feb. 7.—The first grand-  
son of ex-Vice President Stevenson, bearing  
the Stevenson name, was born yesterday  
at Los Angeles, Cal., and has been named  
Adlai D. The parents are Lewis G. Stev-  
enson and wife of this city. The former was  
private secretary to his father, Mr. Stev-  
enson was Miss Helen L. Davis, daughter  
of Hon. William O. Davis of Bloomington.

#### Five Horses Burned.

Mount Vernon, Feb. 7.—The large barn  
belonging to George Arnett eight miles  
north of this city, was burned with all its  
contents. Five horses were cremated and  
30 tons of hay, 600 bushels of corn 100  
bushels of wheat, a large stock of agri-  
cultural implements and a number of out-  
houses were consumed. Mr. Arnett carried  
no insurance.

#### Deaths in Illinois.

Eldorado.—Mrs. Emily McKernon, aged  
82 years.  
Kureka.—Robert Hoelter, ex-member of  
legislature, died at San Antonio, Texas.  
Keosauqua.—Marshall B. Yates, a veteran  
of the civil war.

#### Injuries Were Fatal.

Chillicothe, Feb. 7.—Thomas D. Fraser, one  
of the oldest locomotive engineers on the  
Santa Fe road, died here today as the re-  
sult of an accident which occurred yester-  
day at Lorenzo, in which both his legs and  
one hand were cut off.

#### For Re-Election.

Mount Vernon, Feb. 7.—J. H. Williams,  
present representative in congress for this  
(the twelfth) congressional district, has  
announced himself as a candidate for re-  
election.

#### Pawnee Burned.

Mrs. J. O. Hane yesterday received  
word that on Tuesday night the entire  
west part of the business portion of Paw-  
nee, Ill., was burned. The loss is consid-  
erable. A grocery store conducted by Mrs.  
Hane's son and a drug store conducted by  
her brother, Mr. Sprague, were among the  
buildings destroyed.

Agulnaldo isn't the only would-be gov-  
ernor that shifts his capital to suit his de-  
sires.

## MEETS OPPOSITION.

Parcel Postage System Would Not Prove  
Popular.

An effort is being made to have a con-  
gress pass a law for a parcel postage sys-  
tem similar to the law of that nature now  
in operation in Great Britain. It is said  
that the big department stores of the cities  
are back of the scheme as a cheaper parcel  
route through the mails would be a great  
benefit to them as it would allow them to  
use the mails for many parcels which they  
are now required to send through the ex-  
press companies. There appears an opposi-  
tion to the scheme however on the grounds  
that it would be unjust to overload the  
mails for the benefit of these stores when  
the postal department already has to face a  
deficit of several millions each year. Those  
opposed to the scheme say that the cheaper  
postal rate for packages up to eleven pounds  
would be a serious interference with the  
legitimate trade of the smaller merchants  
of the country in that it would bring them  
in closer competition with the big depart-  
ment stores which are already invading the  
territory of the country merchants. At the  
rate suggested by the friends of the scheme  
an eleven pound package could be sent  
through the mails for 30 cents.

Those opposed to the measure argue that  
the postal department should be self sup-  
porting and that as the department is now  
falling behind each year that it would be  
folly to overload it further to the extent of  
making a cheaper postage rate for pack-  
ages for the benefit of the firms that are  
able to pay a fair rate for the trans-  
portations of their goods.

Many Chicago bankers favor the plan to  
establish private sub-treasuries through-  
out the country.

Her Diemans is the German consul at  
Proctor's. Proctor.

"I had dyspepsia for years. No medicine  
was so effective as Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.  
It gave immediate relief." Two bottles pro-  
duced marvelous results," writes L. H.  
Warren, Albany, Wis. It digests what you eat  
and cannot fail to cure. J. E. King, Ill.  
W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krohn.

The Buns are old fashioned warriors.  
They don't use typewriters.  
"I had bronchitis every winter for 7 years  
and no medicine gave me permanent relief  
until I began to take One Minute Cough  
Cure. I know it is the best cough medi-  
cine made!" says J. E. King, Cory, Pa. It  
quickly cures coughs, colds, croup, asthma,  
grippe and throat and lung troubles. It is  
the children's favorite remedy. Cures  
quickly. J. E. King, Ill. W. Bell, F. W.  
Swearingen, N. L. Krohn.

There is at present some geographical  
uncertainty in the line "Who" was dis-  
patched from London? Which London?

In an editorial in the Yale News, Robert  
Stevenson, an undergraduate from Ohi-  
o, echoes the Yale men who coughed  
down a milder case as spoke too long.

LIVERITA, the up-to-date Little Liver  
Pill 50 boxes contain 15 pills, 100 boxes  
contain 40 pills, 250 boxes contain 100  
pills. Sold by John E. King and A. J.  
Blaine, Decatur, Ill.

Court Item: General Vindication, who  
has been about court for a week, has left  
for parts unknown.  
"After doctors failed to cure me of pneu-  
monia I used One Minute Cough Cure and  
three bottles of it cured me. It is also  
the best remedy on earth for whooping  
cough. It cured my grandchildren of the  
worst cases," writes John Berry, Loganston,  
Pa. It is the only harmless remedy that  
gives immediate results. Cures coughs,  
colds, croup and throat and lung troubles.  
It prevents consumption. Children always  
like it. Mothers endorse it. J. E. King,  
Ill. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L.  
Krohn.

The board of aldermen of the city of  
Mexico is nearly 600 years old, and was  
never mixed up in a franchise scandal.

The interstate commerce commission  
may open a branch office in Chicago and  
station one member of the commission  
there regularly.

Are you nervous, run down, weak and  
dyspeptic? Take a few doses of Hebbel's.  
It will infuse new energy, new life into the  
exhausted nerves, the overworked brain or  
muscular system and put a new dash on  
life and business. Price 50 cents. King's  
drug store. Swearingen's, Gohbart block.

A lawsuit that has lasted over a century  
has just been settled in Ireland.

Nervous children are almost always thin  
children. The "outdoor boy" is seldom  
nervous. White's cream vermifuge is the  
best preventive of nervousness. It strength-  
ens the system and nerves to that work  
which creates strength and power of  
endurance. Price 25 cents. King's drug  
store. Swearingen's, Gohbart block.

In 1830 the United States did 5.4 per  
cent of the world's commerce. In 1893 it  
did 9.5.

DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is unequalled  
for piles, injuries and skin diseases. It is  
the original Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of  
all counterfeits. J. E. King, Ill. W. Bell,  
F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krohn.

The cost of the railways of the world in  
1907 was \$35,520,000,000. That of the  
United States was \$11,775,000,000.

John Dill, Peasbury, Ind., says "I never  
used anything as good as One Minute  
Cough Cure. We are never without it." It  
quickly breaks up coughs and colds. Cures  
all throat and lung troubles. Its use will  
prevent consumption. Pleasant to take. J.  
E. King, Ill. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen,  
N. L. Krohn.

Good sleighing in Illinois; also good  
sleaving in the Transient and the Philo-  
sophes.

Don't let the hand of time paint wrinkles  
on your face. Keep young, by keeping the  
blood pure and the digestive organs in a  
healthful condition. Morbine will do this.  
Health is youth disease and sickness bring-  
ing old age. Price 50 cents. King's drug  
store. Swearingen's, Gohbart block.

Mrs. N. Givens and Mrs. N. C. Mc-  
Gill of Plano, Ill., are the oldest living  
twins in the United States. They will soon  
celebrate their 80th birthday.

Cap. Baze, Mendota, Va., says "Noth-  
ing did me so much good as Kodol Dyspep-  
sia Cure. One dose relieved me, a few  
bottles cured me." It digests what you eat  
and always cures dyspepsia. J. E. King,  
Ill. W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L.  
Krohn.

The navigators of the Kentucky ship of  
state are throwing the lead to find out  
where they're at.

There is probably no disease or condition  
of the human system that causes more  
suffering and distress than piles. Tabler's  
Buckeye Pile Ointment cures them quick-  
ly, without pain or detention from busi-  
ness. Price, 25 cents in bottles. Tubes, 75  
cents. King's drug store. Swearingen's,  
Gohbart block.

Olga Netherland fainted on the stage  
after the end of "Sapho" in New York  
last night and was with difficulty revived  
sufficiently to finish the performance.

Mrs. J. E. Miller, Newton Hamilton,  
Pa., writes "I think DeWitt's Witch Hazel  
Salve the greatest salve made." It cures  
piles and hemorrhoids. All fraudulent  
imitations are worthless. J. E. King, Ill.  
W. Bell, F. W. Swearingen, N. L. Krohn.

Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, is seri-  
ously ill at Akron, O.

When pain or irritation exists on any  
part of the body the application of Ballard's  
Snow Liniment will give prompt relief.  
Price, 25 and 50 cents. King's drug store.  
Swearingen's, Gohbart block.

The Sultan of Sulu submits that there is  
no harm in keeping slaves.

You can help anyone whom you find  
suffering from indigestion, throat, laryngeal  
trouble, bronchitis, coughs



# WRECKED BY WIND

Town of Collinsville Suffers Serious Damage in the High Wind of Thursday.

## A DOZEN OR MORE INJURED

State Board of Health Struggling to Stamp Out Smallpox—Disease Prevalent in Massac County.

### WORK OF THE ILLINOIS POLITICIANS

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 8.—The town of Collinsville, 12 miles from St. Louis, on the Vandellia railroad, narrowly escaped destruction by a tornado today. Nine persons were injured in this immediate vicinity, some fatally, and there was much damage to property.

The tornado which hit the outskirts last night by the wind. A group of three fine residences standing on the hill were reduced to splinters. The injured: Paul Quendahl, aged 35, perhaps fatally; Otto Odenholz, aged 17, seriously; Joseph H. Hagedorn, 17, thought to be fatally.

Newton Anderson, not serious; Theodore Lawrence, internally; Frank Robert, seriously; Son and daughter of Frank Robert, seriously.

Henry Skellin, wife and two children, badly.

Bernie Kallisto, scalp wound.

Tony Dunith, arm broken.

About 2:30 a. m. the storm was first felt a mile south of Collinsville. The first house demolished was that of Frank Robert, who with his son and daughter were buried in the debris. It was some time before they were rescued. From this place the wind passed a quarter of a mile west of Collinsville and the last trace was observed at Highville, a manufacturing suburb a mile away. After Robert's house was wrecked a group of three dwellings was felled. They were occupied by John and Paul Marquette and Philip Crossan and families. The occupants escaped injury except John Marquette.

Beyond the Vandellia tracks stood a group of large frame houses, occupied by the Lawrence, Odenholz and Hagedorn families. The storm leveled them and nothing was left save a mass of tangled wreckage. Here the Odenholz, Lawrence and members of the Hagedorn families received their injuries.

### SMALLPOX RIFE

The Board of Health Continues to Receive News of Its Spread.

Springfield, Feb. 8.—The state board of health continues to receive news of the spread of smallpox. The board considers the spread largely due to a wrong diagnosis of the disease. Reports from Unionville and Collinsville, Massac county, are alarming. At the latter place there are 25 cases to the post house.

The recent death of Jefferson Griffin of Unionville, near Nelson, Massac county, is cited as an example illustrating the difficulty under which the board is placed. A young man living in the same house with Griffin has the disease in a mild form. Dr. C. E. Nelson, a board of health inspector, advised vaccination, but only two members of the family followed his advice. These escaped, while the other members took the disease. The case of Griffin was diagnosed by a local physician as chicken pox a few days prior to his death.

### Deaths in Illinois.

Springfield—Mrs. Mary M. Taylor, aged 68 years. Frank A. Loefer, aged 60.

Masson City—Mrs. George R. Adams, aged 67 years. Soon after her death the members of the family received a telegram announcing the death of her sister at Elmhurst.

Champaign—Mrs. Mary McMillan died here this morning, aged 44 years. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. John Deaton of this city and Mrs. Seymour Marjorie of DeLand. Mrs. McMillan's maiden name was Mary Hathaway. Her father was killed by Indians at Fort Harrison, Ind., April 12, 1812, a few hours before her birth. She lived at Logansport, Ind., until 1859, when she moved to Massac county and resided there two years when she became a resident of this county.

Urbana—Mrs. Mary Gentry, 78 years old, died at her home in Urbana.

### Politics in Illinois.

Vandalia—There was quite a gathering of republican candidates here on the occasion of the republican county central committee filing the date of the convention. Among the number were Hon. Walter Reeves, B. J. Hamilton, Judge Hanes, and W. A. Northcutt. They addressed a mass meeting.

Towhee Hill—The republicans of this place have instructed for Judge Hamilton for attorney general.

Springfield—The Tanager and Ostrich factions are making charges and counter charges of the free use of money.

### Was Not Under Bond.

Assumption, Feb. 8.—It developed today that Nelson Reuben, treasurer of the Assumption union of the United Mine Workers of America, was not under bond when he disappeared, and the union will lose \$450 the amount taken by the absconding treasurer. Reuben's bond expired six weeks ago and he is promised to have it fixed up. He failed to do so and he had a blank bond in his pocket when he left the town.

### Stabbed in the Neck.

Carlyle, Ill., Feb. 8.—Last night Henry Stief, Jr., and Clarence Hall engaged in a quarrel on the streets of Carlyle. Both were intoxicated at the time and a desperate encounter took place. Hall defended himself by using a knife, with which

he made a frightful gash near the jugular vein on Stief's neck. The latter is now at his home in a serious condition. The injured man is a member of the village board of Carlyle.

### Raid a Depot.

Abingdon, Ill., Feb. 8.—The Burlington depot here was robbed by two men about 1 o'clock this morning. The thieves drew revolvers and drove W. E. Easton, night operator, and a student who was with him, into a freight car and locked them up. The robbers then blew open the safe and secured \$110.

### Pekin Post Absorbed.

Pekin, Feb. 8.—The Pekin Post has been absorbed by the Tribune and the number of the Post was issued on Wednesday evening.

### Gun Club Disbands.

Pekin, Feb. 8.—The Pekin Gun club, one of the oldest organizations of the kind in the state, has disbanded on account of a lack of interest.

### TO MEET IN JUNE

Independent Telephone Men Go Home—Tall Little of the Proceedings.

The owners of the independent telephone companies of Illinois concluded their business yesterday and left for their homes. They were little inclined to talk of the proceedings held here. All that they would tell was that a committee had been appointed to make amendments to the constitution and bylaws. The officers had wanted to get that work out of the way before the regular meeting in June or rather wanted a report ready to submit at that time. Aside from the work of that committee and receiving about 20 new members there was no business of public importance transacted.

One member said: We are "with the public and want the public with us. We believe we have them, too, for we have been the means of reducing the telephone tolls by half. While we want a mutual stand with the dear people there are some things we don't want to make public. There is at least a part of our duties that we must keep to ourselves. Our record thus far is a sufficient guarantee to the public that we are not going into a combination to rob them nor will we permit any other corporation to overcharge them if we can prevent it."

There is a company composed of St. Louis capitalists now building toll lines and it is expected that this concern will get with the independent companies of this state. It is the intention of the St. Louis company to build extensive toll lines in this state. The independent companies expect to operate in conjunction with that line. If the St. Louis company is following their chosen route put their trunk line within 10 or 15 miles of a small independent company it is the expectation that the latter will build out to the trunk line. In this way the independent companies will get all of the advantages of a big toll system without the outlay necessary under other circumstances to build one. The St. Louis company is already working that plan in Missouri and the owners of small, independent companies in Illinois are impatient to see the work commence in this state.

### NEARBY TOWNS.

CALDWELL.—The basket school, which was had at the Galt school house Friday was well attended. The baskets sold well, netting \$17.50. The cake which was to go to the most popular young lady netted \$10.70. The winner was Miss Pearl Fuller. There was also a granite vase and a cake of lard soap which was intended for the ugliest and dirtiest man. Seventy cents was all that could be counted for these articles and Louis Daugherty won.

Charles D. Baker, assistant deputy agent and assistant postmaster, visited with Miss Maggie Smith Tuesday and Friday evenings.

Mr. Hancock's team ran away Saturday, demolishing a buggy in front of Spang's shop and doing other slight damage.

Mr. Oliver Howell called on Mrs. Sarah Caldwell last Thursday and the latter accompanied her home, where she will visit indefinitely.

Mrs. C. N. Clark, who has had quite a stage of sickness the past fall and winter is now about well.

Prof. J. B. Martin was an Arthur visitor Saturday.

Wm. Jones of Fairbanks, who recently traded his farm there for one in Wayne county near Fairfield, shipped his household goods Thursday. We wish them good luck and plenty of it.

Edmond Gault's sale of the first was very well attended and Mr. Gault says he was very well pleased with prices. We have not heard of any further move Mr. Gault will make. He just returned from Texas the first of the month, but does not know whether or not he will make arrangements to move there.

Thomas Baker moved last week from Lovington to the Water property. We understand the household goods of Harry Baker were also moved and that he and his family will soon be Oakwell residents.

Amos Martie has just finished a well and erected a new wind pump.

Grandpa J. Riley Clark was out Saturday.

Miss Nellie Mathison is very sick from pneumonia.

Ed. T. Ray and Charles Bolton visited Oakwell Tuesday.

### PIERSON.

F. F. Gunn transacted business in Indianapolis over Sunday, returning Monday.

Martin Langrebe and wife visited J. E. Hard at Atwood Friday.

Harry Clark, West Carroll, Albert Clapp and John Schell were Decatur visitors Saturday.

Mrs. J. F. Rigney and Mrs. A. Clapp did shopping in Atwood Saturday.

Laura Wrightman of Atwood visited J. R. Sholtens over Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Grose was in Atwood Friday. On the Davis Withers property Saturday recently visited by George Corral.

Mrs. Jack Richey of Atwood was the guest of Mrs. E. S. Reeder last week, returning home Friday.

W. F. Godwin and family moved to Decatur last week.

Miss Bertha Richey of Atwood visited Mrs. Myrd Stevens over Sunday.

Mr. Herbert Leavitt went to Hammond Monday.

### ORRANA.

Robert Fortner, of Decatur, spent Sunday here.

Miss Mary Maxwell, of Argenta, visited over Sunday with R. Maxwell and family. She and Dilling shipped hogs and cattle from here Tuesday.

J. Adams and wife gave a party last Friday night to a crowd of young folks.

Charles Adams, of near Weldon, visited relatives near here last week.

J. Adams moved last week to a farm near Hengamon.

Fred Morrison is studying telegraphy. Miss Alice Bowman visited over Sunday near Oakley.

Rev. Shokille delivered his farewell sermon at the Christian church Sunday night. He has gained a large circle of friends during his pastorate here who were all sorry to see him leave.

Rev. O. W. Claxton, of Jatham, will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening.

A. J. Higgs will have a car of Norton's best flour next week which he will sell at \$1 per sack from car.

H. Phillips and wife attended the farmers' institute in Decatur Wednesday.

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WELDON.

D. D. Watson and wife of Olton attended the C. E. rally at M. P. church Sunday.

Miss Eliza Thomas who is teaching near Shiloh, came home Saturday for a visit with her parents.

Miss Addie Moore from Bloomington is visiting her mother this week.

Photographer Miller and family visited a few days with Bell Carr and family.

Mr. Miller is moving his picture cat from DeLand to Weldon.

The Ideal Improvement club met with Mrs. O. T. Wampler last Friday.

J. W. Ball and family moved to Decatur last Thursday.

Miss Blanche Yantis visited to the country with Miss Kate Post Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Chin visited at Olso a part of last week.

Mrs. Richardson will return to Hoopland this week, where she will visit for two weeks with relative there.

T. N. Lawlitt of Marion was here Tuesday.

Mrs. William Gray received a card from her son, Walker, who is stationed at Fort Wayne, that he would go with his company as an expert to Youngtown, Ohio, with the remains of J. A. Logan.

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MACON.

John Boyston is seriously ill at his home in Macon.

Mrs. Bean is still very ill at her home in Macon.

Miss Dora Patterson is confined to her room.

Miss Cora Gubiel is able to be about again after a few weeks' illness.

The public sale of farm implements, etc., at the Kossy farm one mile south of Weldon last Saturday was quite well attended.

F. G. Lawley was shopping in Decatur on Wednesday.

Supt. Keller held the central examination at the Macon High school on Wednesday.

John Johnson and wife attended the wedding of their son, Howard, in Decatur on Wednesday.

Dennis Davidson loaded his household furniture and implements on Monday for Macon, where he will make his future home.

Revival meetings commenced in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

Mrs. Doyle, of Monaca, was the guest of Rev. Durham and family over Sunday.

Rev. A. Willard, of Waverly, Ill., is the guest of friends in Macon and vicinity.

Wood and Will Bates were in Decatur on Wednesday.

William Richardson is seriously ill at his home in Macon.

The public sale of stock and farm implements at the E. T. Willoughby farm one mile west of Macon on Tuesday, was very well attended for the kind of day.

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HAMMOND.

The smallpox scare is here at last and our town is quarantined against the towns infected with it.

Hett Freeman and family, of Landon, attended church here Friday evening.

Byron Cheever, of Decatur, was here Tuesday.

Miss Boggs and Miss May Nell, of Lovington, were the guests of Miss May Lewis the latter part of last week.

Peter Leach and son Arthur, of Lovington, were in this city Thursday.

Miss George Betts and Miss Kate Dixon, of Lovington, were the guests of Mrs. M. M. Thomas Friday.

James Huff was a Decatur visitor Friday.

John Carroll of Linton, was in our burg on business Thursday.

Miss Isaac Fulton has shipped her horse hold goods to Texas where she and the child expect to join her husband, who went a few months ago to that state.

# IT FLUCTUATED

Wheat Was Up And Down Thursday But Market Closed With Slight Gain.

## HIGHER PRICES FOR CORN

Light Cattle Receipts Fall to Check the Downward Tendency of Prices.

### HOG PRICES ARE STILL STOUT

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Wheat—Active and after opening easy, rallied  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1, declined  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  and closed with a slight gain. The easy start was due chiefly to disappointing cables and the failure of the cold wave to materialize. Later, however, the sentiment changed and the market advanced rapidly, influenced principally by fresh crop news and a sharp rise at Liverpool. The seaboard was a good buyer and purchases for foreign account were something of a factor. Clearings were moderate but New York reported 17 boat loads accepted. The snow was a bear factor toward the close and caused reacting.

Corn—Active, still higher prices ruling. The sentiment is still bullish. Final figures showed  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  gain. Country offerings were small, cables higher and wheat bought early which helped corn. Professional and St. Louis bought. Liverpool firm at  $\frac{1}{2}$  higher. Argentine cables stated the crop was scored and would be small. New York reported 68 boat loads accepted. Receipts fairly liberal.

Oats—Steady. There was small trade with elevator interests on both sides. There was a very narrow market with trade all on one price for July, and May only changed  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Closed same as yesterday.

GRAIN, FLOUR AND PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Wheat—Feb. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; May 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Corn—Feb. 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; May 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Oats—Feb. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; May 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Rye—May 57; barley, 35 to 45; flax \$1.60; timothy \$2.50; clover March \$5.00.

Flour firm.

Wheat active and unsettled, closing at a slight gain; No. 2 red no sales; No. 2 spring no sales; May opened 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; highest 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; lowest 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; closed 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Corn—Active and strong closing higher; No. 2 cash no sales; May opened 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; highest 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; lowest 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; closed 83 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Oats—Inactive, steady. No. 2 white no sales; No. 2 white 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

PROVISIONS.

Lard—Feb. \$11.05; May \$11.20.

Short clear \$6.15 to \$6.25. Others unchanged.

POULTRY.

Butter—Firm; creameries, 19 to 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; dairies, 19 to 22.

Dressed poultry—Firm; turkeys 8 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; chickens, 9 to 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

HOW PRICES FLUCTUATED

The following is the range and close of Thursday's grain and provision markets:

|                       | Open             | High             | Low              | Close            | Yesterday        |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| WHEAT                 |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Feb. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 81 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| May 88 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 88 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| CORN                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Feb. 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| May 33 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| OATS                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Feb. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| May 24 $\frac{1}{2}$  | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| RYE                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Feb. 57               | 57               | 58               | 57               | 58               | 57               |
| MAY                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| May 57                | 57               | 58               | 57               | 58               | 57               |
| BARLEY                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Feb. 35               | 35               | 36               | 35               | 36               | 35               |
| MAY                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| May 35                | 35               | 36               | 35               | 36               | 35               |
| FLAX                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| Feb. 1.60             | 1.60             | 1.61             | 1.60             | 1.61             | 1.60             |
| MAY                   |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| May 1.60              | 1.60             | 1.61             | 1.60             | 1.61             | 1.60             |

THE NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Feb. 8.—Wheat receipts 55,000; exports 32,000. Spot firm No. 2 red 90 $\frac{1}{2}$  elevator and 78 $\frac{1}{2}$  f. o. b. almost prompt. Options closed easy at unchanged prices to  $\frac{1}{2}$  net advance. May 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Corn—Receipts 48,000; exports 60,000; spot firm; No. 2 41 $\frac{1}{2}$  f. o. b. about and 40 $\frac{1}{2}$  elevator. Options closed firm at  $\frac{1}{2}$  advance. May closed 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Oats—Receipts 99,000; exports 130. Spot quiet. Options inactive but firmer with corn. No. 2 white 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; No. 3 white 31 to 35.

New York, Feb. 8.—Butter steady. Western 21 to 25; factory 19 to 19.

Cheese—Swiss, full made, large, large 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 13; fancy small, same. Large lots made 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 12; small lots made 12 to 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Eggs—Firm; western 15 to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  loss off; western ungraded at mark 13 to 15.

Coffee—Closed firm with prices 25 to 35 points net higher. Total sales 37,000. May \$7.40 to \$7.55.

Sugar—Raw, strong and held higher, fair refining; 4 centigrade 95 test, 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Molasses sugar, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 13-16. Refined, firm.

WHEAT AT MINNEAPOLIS.

Minneapolis, Feb. 8.—Market closed steady on reaction. May closed at 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cash wheat in splendid demand. Sales large. No. 1 northern sold fully at May price. No. 2 sold at 81 to 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

GRAIN AT LIVERPOOL.

Liverpool, Feb. 8.—Wheat spot No. 2 red western winter stocks advanced. No. 1 northern, spring, firm, f. o. b. id.

Corn—Spot American mixed, new, firm at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. American mixed, old, firm at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

GRAIN AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—Wheat—Cash 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; May 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Corn—Cash 31; May 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Oats—Cash 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; May 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

LIVE STOCK GOSSIP.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Cattle—Receipts today were 5200 against 17,261 yesterday. Buyers

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of cattle were good and pretty well stocked yesterday, consequently the trade today was slow at easy prices, cattle selling 15 to 25 lower than last week, 60 to 75 lower than a month ago and a \$1 to \$1.50 below December quotations.

Hogs—High prices bring hogs to market. The receipts today were 35,000 and trade was remarkably animated at a further advance of a nickel to a dime per 100, the best hogs selling at \$5.

Sheep—Receipts today were 10,000 and trade was good at steady prices for lambs, sheep selling higher.

LIVE STOCK PRICES.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—Cattle—Receipts 8500; market steady to strong; hogs \$4 to \$4.10; cows, \$3 to \$4.40; Texans \$4 to \$4.10; stockers, \$3.25 to \$4.85.

Hogs—Receipts 35,000; market strong to a shade higher; mixed \$4.05 to \$4.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; heavy \$4.80 to \$4.85; light \$4.60 to \$4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Sheep—Receipts 10,000; market strong, sheep \$4.80 to \$4.85; lambs about steady, \$5 to \$6.00.

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